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MILL RIVER VALLEY.

DETAILS OF THE GREAT DISASTER.

EIGHT MILES OF THE VALLEY DEVASTATED BY THE TORRENT IN ONE HOUR—SCENES AND INCIDENTS—ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHT BODIES RECOVERED—RELIEF FOR THE LIVING.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., May 17.—At 7 o'clock this morning the great bell of Northampton old church tolled solemnly, calling the people together to search for missing bodies.

Notices were placed in conspicuous places, which read:

"All able-bodied men are summoned to the relief of the people of Mill River Valley."

Accordingly, Main street was filled with men and youths, eager to join in whatever expedition was afoot. Lieut. Gov. Talbot, of this State, was here and aided the local authorities in organizing the relief train, which, full of men, left Northampton Depot at 7:30 o'clock for Florence, Leeds, and Haydenville. Wagons and every kind of vehicle were pressed into similar service. Parties started out on foot and worked along the woods skirting the river and railroad. More bodies have been found this morning, and the number now said to have been drowned exceeds ninety. Of course many more are believed to have met a similar fate. Rumors as to the dams having leaked for the last week or two are rife, but it is also stated that they had been inspected on Friday and reported all right.

DISTRESSING SCENES ALONG THE COURSE OF THE TORRENT.

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., May 17.—At 7 o'clock, in company with several hundreds of vehicles and thousands of pedestrians, a number of Northampton gentlemen started in buggies for Mill River, with the intention of following it up from the lower bridges, through the valley, to the reservoir. The first point reached was the piers of the late Prospect Street Bridge, near Florence, or about half a mile from Northampton Town Hall. The bridge, which had been in good condition, was gone, having been swept away by the flood. The banks of the river and the adjoining meadows that spread out here between the slopes about half a mile in width, were covered with drift-wood, pieces of houses, fragments of furniture, scraps of clothing, bedding and farm implements. Not a blade of grass was visible, as a thick coating of mud hid ever vestige of the once fertile meadows from view. At this point however, not much interest was manifested by the crowd. All seemed anxious to push on to Leeds, a mile and a half further up, where the greatest amount of suffering and damage had been inflicted upon the people. At the lower end of the valley the river was impassable for vehicles, and pedestrians were only able to keep the river in view by walking and picking their way through the woods, and wagons and men on horseback struck off by another road toward Leeds. On the wayside, a few rods from an open portion of that embankment, stands Mr. Warner's carpenter shop, now rendered famous by having been the "morgue" for the bodies of those found in and near Florence yesterday. Forty-four bodies had been placed within its narrow limits in tiers. Only nineteen of them remained this morning. The rest had been taken away by friends who had identified them as former residents of the upper villages. In front of this shop were gathered many women and children, striving to obtain a glimpse of the victims, in hope of being able to recognize them as friends or relatives known to be missing last night. The door was kept closed, and only one or two persons at a time were admitted, so as to avoid confusion and to facilitate the work of those engaged in preparing the bodies for interment. The corpses, covered with white sheeting, were ranged in rows, with slips of paper on which their names were written pinned to the covertures. Coffins of varnished pine and hard wood had been sent up from Northampton, Westfield, and other places, for the dead, and many of these ghastly receptacles stood on the roadside and on the carpenters' benches in the shop. Some of the bodies were already coffined, and waiting the arrival of friends with vehicles to take them to places where burial could be obtained.

THE DEAD AT WARNER'S SHOP.

The names of the nineteen persons lying at Warner's were:

E. P. Hubbard,
Mrs. James Fennessy,
Mrs. Patrick,
Mrs. E. B. Kingsley,
William Kingsley,
Miss Bronyett, of Leeds,
Merrick Wood,
Netta Kingsley, daughter
Mr. Donnell,
Mrs. Bronyett,
Mrs. Mann,
P. W. Scully,
Mrs. Brenner,
Miss Mary Anne Magee,
Mrs. Fennessey.

Three unrecognized ladies and a baby. The bodies were totally divested of clothing when found, and nearly all of them had been so bruised and wounded as to warrant the belief that the poor creatures must have been killed by the falling timbers and houses, rather than drowned. At 7:30 o'clock persons from Leeds, Haydenville, Skinnerville, and Williamsburg, began to appear, and took away many of the dead. Not a tear was shed by the survivors. They seemed to be benumbed by grief, and their white faces and mechanical actions spoke volumes. All along the meadows and river bank at this point, parties of men, laborers, mechanics, storekeepers, and others, armed with picks, axes, and crowbars and spades, worked away at the mounds of drift-wood and wreck in quest of bodies. Dozens of people were missing, of whom no trace had yet been seen. But the great majority of the volunteers pushed on to Leeds.

THE SCENE FROM THE COOK HOUSE.

The next place from which a good view of the effects of the work of devastation could be obtained was the bluff in front of the Cook House, below Leeds. From this eminence, north and south as far as the Haydenville bend, the valley lays before the spectator. Leeds, immediately north and underneath, looked like a vast swamp filled with lumber and kindling-wood. Of its fifty large frame and tenement houses, only six remain uninjured, and these were on the slopes close to the railroad track, and above the Nonotuck Mill, on both sides of the river. The cause of the terrible force of the water was here apparent. The torrent had to pass through a vale, little wider than a Western gulch, certainly not more than one-third of a mile in the broadest part. The houses were built along the bank from the Nonotuck Dam, north of the village, and on a declivity therefrom to the Cook House Dam. When the upper or Hill's Dam gave way, the raging torrent gained fresh impetus, and easily bore away everything in its path. From Cook's Bluff all the situation was readily taken in, and the reason for the lucky escape of the people of Florence was found in the topography of the place. At Cook's Dam the river winds southwest around the base of a hill, about 100 feet above the valley level. This ridge stood as a barrier between the torrent and the Florence meadows beyond. The river, with the stone bridge across it, formed the only outlet to the furious current, which was successfully turned aside by the bluff, and was forced to empty itself through, over, and under the bridge and dam, which were torn away and hurled into the meadows. These open out wide for many acres of grass land, and the waters spread themselves and lost their impetus, until they reached the gully leading into the town of Northampton, where they again accumulated, and, growing turbulent, tore away bridges, embankments, and trees along the river bank. The meadows recurring a little beyond again distributed and dispersed the flood, and rendered it powerless to injure. The meadows and northern side of Cook Bluff embankment were strewn with large trees, the remains of the factories and boarding-houses of Leeds, no larger than kindling-wood, and piled fifty or sixty feet high. Every conceivable article of furniture was represented in these timber-heaps, under which it is feared are buried the unfortunate beings who were borne down in the general ruin. Already, by 8 o'clock, gangs of men with horses were working and pulling at the mounds, searching for the remains. Women, true to their domestic instincts, clung around the shattered remnants of their once happy homes, hoping to recover some trifle or treasure torn from them by the ruthless element. On the bluff was a woman with a babe in her arms gazing at the factory ruins. All she could say in reply to any questions about the place put to her was, "My John and my boy lie under those timbers." These words she uttered in a dazed sort of way whenever anybody addressed her. So great was everybody's personal interest in the wreck before them that few found time or interest in the poor creature, who, after all, was only one among hundreds of the stricken.

LEEDS—THE APPROACHING FLOOD.

In the little town of Leeds ell semblance of a village was destroyed, and here again the place looked like a gully through which a tiny stream ran that had recently been overflown and its banks for a mile or two up the glen been washed by heavy rains. Of Warner's brick button factory, which employed seventy hands, only a portion of the chimney stands. Even the very site of the foundation is hidden from view by the mud coating invariably marking the track of yesterday's torrent. The story of the disaster at Leeds, as told by Mr. E. Cross, the keeper of the store on the Railroad bluff, is as follows:

A little before 8 o'clock, while all the people of this place were just going to work or finishing their breakfasts, their attention was attracted by the appearance of Myron Day, from Haydenville, on a horse, shouting wildly "The reservoir is broken, save yourselves; for the flood is at hand." He rushed for the bridge over the dam and had got about half way over it when the roar of the coming waters were heard by the inhabitants, who by this time stood at their doorsteps. He dashed toward Florence and the people looked north toward the north dam, and there saw what seemed to them as the crest of an enormous moving wood-pile, fifty feet high. They knew what it was, and rushed wildly up the slopes to safe quarters. Their houses were left just as they stood, with tables spread for breakfast and children getting ready for school. In less than three minutes the stone dam had given way, and the great column of water, laden with frame houses, pianos, sewing-machines, boilers, iron wheels, huge grist mill machinery, cows, sheep, poultry and human beings from Haydensville, plunged into the valley of Leeds, striking first the great factory boarding-house, run by Capt. Vaughn, and built to accommodate forty people. This it tore away at once, with Capt. Vaughn, and a young lady, whose name is unknown yet, and plunged along in its wild course, through Main street, toward Warner's factory. Every house in the street was turned over and off like a cork, and indeed most of them were shattered to atoms. The stone and iron bridges built last Fall were carried with the rest and helped to add to the general destruction. Some of the people could not escape in time, and were compelled to take chances with their dwellings. The Quigley family occupied a large frame building, in the rear of which was an extension. When the flood struck the house the extension part separated, about three feet from the other wing. Fortunately for the people, they were in the part which escaped utter demolition, the fate of the other. The Dunkins House was vacated in time by its owner, and two minutes later was rolled over and over. The family were saved by one of the little factory boys, Johnny Bride, who, seeing the water coming over the dam, gave his folks the alarm, enabling them to get to the bank just as the water struck their house. The factory stood further south than any of the buildings, and its hands seeing the fate of the village fled to the railroad track at once. Mr. Ralph Isham, the book-keeper, and another of the hands, however, stuck to the place, remaining in the tower in the hope of escaping. No sooner had the water struck the building than the tower toppled over and the men were killed. Another great boarding-house at this end of the valley was literally rubbed out. Nothing but a sewing-machine imbedded in the mud showed that any house had ever stood there.

FIRST NIGHT OF THE HOMELESS.

In less than an hour all the damage had been done, and the water began to subside. It was over fifty feet deep in the centre at first, but settled gradually to six or eight. The people sat upon the tracks and knolls, homeless and bereaved. Only twenty-five houses of the fifty remained, and eighteen of these were ruins, and uninhabitable. Eight hundred people had to be accommodated with shelter and clothing for the night, and there were only seven houses to cover them all. Supplies and assistance came from Northampton at once, but the people still remained upon the banks, looking at their desolate village. The rain fell—poured down, wetting the poor things, and swelling the flood. All through the day and night persons strained their eyes to catch glimpses of the missing ones, who might be clinging, perhaps, to a part of the wreck. Others hunted up and down through the crowds, or, when the noise of the waters subsided, called out across the flood to the opposite banks, inquiring whether any of the missing ones were on either side. At length the doubts of some as to the fate of their relatives and friends were set at rest by the discovery of the dead bodies at Florence, and there the Leeds people went. The immediate wants of the survivors were provided for last night by the inhabitants of the vicinity, so all they had to do was to look for their friends and await the events of the morning.

THE LOST AT LEEDS.

The valley was crowded at 8 o'clock, and the débris was being removed. The dead lay in the school-house, and were removed during the day. Among those known to have been lost are:

Mrs. Mary Woodward.
Mr. Dunning.
Eveline Sherwood.
An unknown lady.
Mrs. Hurley.
The Bronyetts, nine in all.
Mrs. Hannon and three children.
Mr. Ralph Isham.
Eleven of the Fitzgeralds.
Four of the Fennesseys.
The Misses Cogans and mother, school teachers.
Mrs. Dunlea.
Mrs. S. J. Ryan.
Miss Carrie Bonney.
A. Clancey.
Charles Fitzgerald.
Ellen Fennessey.
Patrick O'Neill.
Aneline Fitzgerald, an
Sarah Shaughnessy.

This morning five more unknown were found. One of them was a little fair-haired boy; another a young lady, and the others, a man and two babes. These were taken on stretchers from town to town.

REMARKABLE ESCAPES.

Many instances of marvelous preservation are related, among which is that of young Fennessey, six years old. He floated two miles, clinging to a piece of lumber, and was rescued. After having gone over dams and bridges he lives almost unhurt.

AT HAYDENVILLE.

From Leeds to Haydenville the people rushed to-day after having seen all that was to be seen at the former place, and there were at least 8,000 spectators at one time, early in the morning, at the Haydens' place. Every vestige of the street along the river bank for three-quarters of a mile had vanished. Outside of the church door were the coffins containing the recovered dead, laid in rows, and in the little mission chapel were others still uncovered for purposes of recognition. There were at Haydenville:

Mrs. Jerome Hillman.
Mrs. Jacob Hill.
Mr. Eli Bryant.
Robert Hayden.
Mrs. Morris.
Miss J. Williams.
Two children of Edward Farn
Mr. Kaplinger.
Mrs. Hogan.
Edward Mobeley.
Mrs. Moses.
Francis Booder.
Three children of Mr. Miller.
Mrs. John Wilson and three children.
Mrs. Luke Posey and daughter, with two children.
Mrs. Lewis Messie, and daughter, with three children.
Stephen Riley and wife.

Twenty-three bodies found there, out of thirty-three lost.

Lieut. Gov. Talbot, of Massachusetts, all the Hayden brothers, Mr. Gere, and the prominent men of Springfield, Westfield, and other places, were at Haydenville, from which to Skinnerville, a continuous line of vehicles and thousands of pedestrians were moving. Houses all along the route stood on their sides or on end like Saratoga trunks, and many of them were carried away half a mile or more from their original locations.

SKINNERSVILLE.

Not a trace of Skinner's silk mill can be seen, except fragments of the machinery, pieces of boarding, bricks, and other materials. Not a dwelling-house except Mr. Skinner's is standing, and even that is seriously damaged. the piazza and western end having been crushed in and torn away. The once beautiful grounds surrounding this mansion have been wiped out of all shape, and nothing remains but the half ruined house. From this place to Williamsburg the way is strewn with pieces of wood, large trees, and boulders. The roads between the two places are completely destroyed, so that visitors have to drive through the river to avoid the wrecks which rendered any other approach impossible.

WILLIAMSBURG.

Williamsburg presented a sad appearance, at noon yesterday, perhaps, the saddest of all, as there were more people to mourn the loss of property, and persons drowned. No mill stands there in a condition to be worked. Even the beautiful private residences which have escaped the general calamity that overtook the southern and eastern extremity of the village only tend to render the destruction more apparent. The Selectmen of the place, the population of which was 2,500, were busy at the Town Hall in superintending the identification and preparation for burial of the recovered corpses. The James Brothers, the largest manufacturers in the place, were most active in these solemn duties, and the Town Hall was sad as a dead-house. The drowned were bandaged and stretched and put into their coffins. The room was filled with weeping men and women. Mothers sat by the recovered bodies of their little children, and children by the remains of parents.

At Smith's store, opposite the Town Hall, a relief committee of ladies sat to receive subscriptions from those able to contribute. A petition to the Massachusetts Legislature was started, asking for help for the destitute of the district. It bears the signatures of all the prominent men of the neighborhood, and will be presented to-morrow or at the next meeting of the General Court. The Lieutenant Governor gave $200 in cash to the Relief Committee, and various sums, with clothes and food, were also given. Prayers in the public square for mercy to the stricken and of thanksgiving for the rescued were made in the afternoon, and in the church services were again held in the evening.

MORE OF THE DEAD.

All through the day interments were being made at the Williamsburg Cemetery, and among these were many of the following, who, it is said, comprise the full list of the missing from Williamsburg and Skinnerville:

Mrs. L. S. Bowtelle and daughter.
T. J. Hitchcock.
W. H. Adams.
Mrs Wm. Arow.
Willie Tilton.
Mrs. Wm. Carter.
Areline Lancore.
Mrs. E. N. Chandler and daughter.
Jeremiah Ward.
E. Knight.
Mrs. Patrick Scully, two children and mother.
G. Roberts, wife and two children.
Mary Ann Magee.
Dr. E. M. Johnson, wife, three children and mother.
Frank Murray and wife.
John Atkinson.
Spencer Bartlett and wife.
Mrs. George E. Lamb.
George Ashley, from Leverett.
E. C. Hubbard.
Mrs. Merrick Wood and child.
Michael Burke and three grandchildren.
Frederick Bird.
James Stevens.
Mrs. W. D. Adams and son Willie.
Mrs. Eliza Downing, daughter, and mother-in-law.
Henry Binningham, wife, and three daughters.
Mrs. E. G. Kingsley.
Mrs. E. D. Kingsley and two children.

This makes fifty-three. Five unknown were brought in late from Williamsburg.

THE DAM OF THE RESERVOIR.

Nearly all the visitors went to the reservoir about three miles above, to see if it was possible to detect or find the cause of the disaster. A glance at this place on High Ridge told the whole story. It was quite dry when seen, and the people went down into the chasm, which was found to be about 100 feet wide and forty feet deep. The tale of the dam having been a wall twenty-five feet thick at base, is all nonsense. It was composed of a very common wall six feet wide at the base, and only two feet wide at the top. This was padded, so to speak, not protected, by a sandy embankment several feet in width, and fronted about two-thirds of the way to the summit. The sand was of a character that yielded at once to water, and, in point of fact, according to the statement of persons at the dam, and those who say they saw it every day, the thing was leaking so badly as to have caused the keeper to give several warnings to the mill men. They, however, only laughed at him. The reservoir stands more than two hundred feet above the Mill River Valley, and the feed pipes leading from it to Williamsburg ran through a sort of cañon, not unlike Trenton Falls, New-York. As the reservoir was higher than Williamsburg, so was the latter, on our examination, above Haydenville, and the declivity continued through the cañon to Leeds. Each mill station had besides a dam, which gave the stream additional force for working purposes. When, therefore, the reservoir burst, the billions of gallons of water poured through the cañon at a terrific rate, and emptied from it over Williamsburg as out of a spout. Every rod it gained greater force, until at Leeds and just above it was absolutely irresistible.

GEORGE CHENEY'S RACE TO WARN THE VILLAGES.

Yesterday morning, George Cheney, who, for four years, has been keeper of the dam, observed that the fissure had been increased, and a little later saw plainly that the dam was giving way and would destroy the villages. He jumped on his horse and dashed off at full speed to give the alarm. He arrived in Williamsburg five or six minutes ahead of the water. He and his horse narrowly escaped with their lives, but they saved those of hundreds.

APPROACH OF THE TORRENT AT WILLIAMSBURG.

Mrs. James says that when she saw the man, like other people, she rushed into the streets and heard the frightful roaring of the coming water. It was louder and more appalling than the crash of any thunder she had ever heard, and rooted the listeners to the spot. At last its crest was seen over the bluff, and a second later it struck a house on the bluff and took it away like a cork. Then it sped on toward Hiram Hill's house, before which stood a row of trees. The bed of the flood was studded with great trees torn from their rugged beds in the cañon and these were jammed against Mr. Hill's hedge till the whole formed a kind of breastwork that miraculonaly turned the current of the torrent not only from Mr. Hill's, but also from the church and the buildings near it. Twenty-four houses on one side Mr. Hill's were swept away, and the waters poured out upon the village, carrying all before it—Skinnerville, Haydenville, and Leeds. Mr. Hill, who is a very devout man, attributes his salvation to the dedication of his home to God, as inside of the front door are inscribed the words, "God Bless our Home."

THE DESTRUCTION OF WILLIAMSBURG.

Nothing need be said of the devastation of Williamsburg south and east and Skinnerville other than that these places have been completely demolished, and no longer exist either in roads or buildings. At Haydenville the state of woe as recited to me by the sons of late Ex-Gov. Joel Hayden, the proprietors, is very distressing. About 7:45 in the morning Collins Graves rode down from Williamsburg to warn the people. When he had given the alarm the hands, already at work, in Hayden's brass foundry came out upon the steps, and were asked by the foreman, Mr. Wentworth, what they were looking for. "The flood," said they. "Oh, it won't be here for three days," petulantly answered the foreman. The words had scarcely left his mouth ere the thunder of the waters was heard, and its advance guards, in the shape of trees, pieces of buildings and machinery, made their appearance at the head of Main street. The men and boys dashed across the road and up the slope, and all would have been saved had not Broder gone back for his shoes to the shop. Before he could get out again the inundation was over the dam, carrying all before, and, overtaking him, dashed his brains out with a part of the side of the house. Two hundred and forty-nine of the 250 hands were saved. The upper shop, a one-story brick building, 102 by 50 feet, was carried away. The finishing shop, a three-story brick building, 125 by 40, is also gone, with the packing-room, officers, savings bank, and Hampshire Masonic Lodge. Only a few of the brick-work remains to tell where the place stood. The force of the water may be estimated by its having carried a boiler clean through the brick walls, 2,000 feet up an ascent to the front of Gov. Hayden's family's house. This boiler weighs several tons, being sixteen by five and a half feet.

TERRIBLE SCENES.

Mr. Brewster, the ladies and children of his and other families, so fortunate as to get to high ground, looked upon the awful scene of homes being made desolate, wives widows, children orphans, and husbands childless and wifeless in a moment. Before their very eyes, and within speaking distance, a house was borne on the summit of the torrent with a woman and child looking through the windows and screaming for help. Dwelling after dwelling along the river bank and Main street for about three-quarters of a mile was carried away. Many women were warned of their danger only by the shouting of the spectators, who wildly conjured them to take their children and escape. Mrs. Thayer succeeded in rescuing two of hers and placing them on the plateau, but before she could get back to save her other two the flood took them off in the homestead and buried them among the ashes down the river.

FACTORIES DESTROYED OR INJURED.

Besides the other buildings, Hayden's Manufacturing Company's buildings, at the southern extreme of the village, were slightly damaged. The gas works were carried away, the tobacco works entirely destroyed, and a good part of the cotton works are gone. Below the cotton works the river bends in the shape of a letter U, and on this tongue of land stood three double houses and a bridge. The flood surged over these, and tore them away altogether. Mr. Hayden estimates his loss on buildings alone at about $53,000. Mrs. T. H. Ives' dwelling-house, worth $1,000, was likewise totally destroyed.

RELIEF—WORK TO BEGIN.

Measures for immediate relief have been instituted at Haydenville. Mr. Hayden sent out a notice to rebuild his works, and offers to employ all those who ever worked for him, and as many more as are needy, in clearing away débris and making preparations for the work. Back wages will also be paid, and persons in want of immediate aid will receive it from Hayden, Gere & Co., by applying to Mr. Brewster, the book-keeper. Aid is freely extended by all the townships in the vicinity, and the Mayors of New-Haven, Springfield, and Watertown have tendered any assistance that is asked of them. Watertown places the residue of the Chicago fund at the disposal of the sufferers of this region. The living are and will be amply provided for. Meanwhile all popular anxiety is felt concerning the dead and missing, who, it is dreaded, will number far more than any one has anticipated heretofore. The people of Northampton believe that there are dozens of French-Canadian operatives, not known in the district for any length of time, buried under the ruins at Leeds, Haydenville, and the meadows between. Hundreds of acres are covered with the sad remnants of the villages which once adorned a tract of country running eight miles through Hampshire County, and now a barren waste of land, stones, ruins, and corpses. The actual extent of the mortality is unknown thus far, but is believed to be about 140, most of whom have been recovered. Ladies and children in Northampton are contributing to the wants of the living by sending garments to the committee at the Town Hall. To devise further aid a citizens' meeting will be held to-morrow at the Town Hall, and in the morning again trains full of men will be sent to clear away and build up temporarily, at least, on the ruins of the villages. An excursion train from Springfield ran in to-day.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF THE DISASTER.

THE VILLAGES DESTROYED—THE VALLEY.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 17.—The most terrible disaster in the annals of Massachusetts occurred in Hampshire County on Saturday. The Williamsburg reservoir, covering a tract of over 100 acres, gave way early in the forenoon, precipitating the vast mass of water it contained three miles down a steep and narrow valley into the thriving manufacturing village of Williamsburg, and thence further down the valley, through the villages of Haydenville, Leeds, and Florence into the Northampton meadows, where the stream empties into the Connecticut River. The huge torrent, dashing into Williamsburg with resistless power, swept away in a moment the manufacturing establishments and numbers of dwellings, causing enormous destruction of property and terrible loss of human life. The lower villages suffered only less awfully.

THE PROBABLE LOSS OF LIFE.

The latest figures of the loss of life make the total 144, divided as follows between the three places: Williamsburg, 60; Leeds, 49; Haydenville, 35. These figures only represent the persons whose loss is positively known, though the bodies of all are not yet recovered. Bodies are constantly being found, and, in some cases, those of persons who were not supposed to be lost, so that it seems perfectly safe to say that the total loss of life will exceed 150, if, indeed, it does not more nearly approach 200.

LISTS OF PERSONS MISSING.

The following are lists for each village of the persons who are known to be missing:

At Williamsburg.—Mrs. Kingston, S. Bartlett, Viola B. Collyer, T. J. Hitchcock, Wm. H. Adams, Widow Wm. Snow, Willie Tilton, Mrs. Wm. Carter, R. J. Sonchone, Mrs. E. M. Chandler and daughter May, Jeremiah Ward, Widow Electa Knight, Mrs. Patrick Healley and two children, Widow Mary Brennan, Alexander Roberts, wife, and two children, Mary Anne McGee, Mrs. George E. Hamo, E. C. Hubbard, Mrs. Merrick Wood and child, of Chicopee; Michael Burke and three children of James Burke, Frederick Bird, James Stephens, Mrs. W. D. Adams and son Willie, Mrs. Eliza Downing and daughter, Widow Downing, Henry Birmingham, wife, and three children, Mrs. E. G. Kingsley, Mrs. E. D. Kingsley and two children, Dr. E. M. Johnson, wife, and three children, Widow Johnson, Frank Murray and wife, John Atchinson, Spencer Bartlett and wife, George Ashley, Mrs. George E. Lamb, Frank Train and wife—61.

At Skinnerville—Mrs. Jerome Hillman, Mrs. Jacob Hill, Eli Bryant, father of Capt. Joseph Hayden's wife, and Robbie Hayden, the little son of Capt. Hayden.

At Haydenville—Mrs. Norris and daughter, Miss Johanna Williams, Francis Brodeur, John Kaplinger, Mrs. Hogan, Edward Mackler, Mrs. Moeier, Mrs. John Wilson and three children, Mrs. Posey, her married daughter, Mrs. Antonio Brasier, and two other children; Mrs. Mossie, two young children, and her married daughter; Mrs. Napoleon Benvil, with an infant; Stephen Heiley, wife, and daughter; two little children of Edwin Thayer; three children of Samuel Miller, Michael Burke, and Archibald Lancoubie.

A GENERAL ESTIMATE OF THE LOSSES.

It is utterly impossible as yet to give a detailed estimate of the losses. Aside from buildings destroyed and damaged, bridges have been carried away, roads ruined, and hundreds of acres of meadow land rendered almost valueless. The total loss must far exceed $1,000,000, and will probably come nearer $2,000,000. The following is a general estimate of the losses by places:

In Williamsburg—W. H. Audriss, flouring mill swept away, $10,000; H. L. James, mill damaged and left without water power, $20,000; houses, barns, &c., gone, $40,000.

At Skinnerville—William Skinner's silk factory and twelve tenement-houses destroyed, $130,000; other houses and barns, $13,000.

At Haydenville—Hayden, Gere & Co.'s brass works, savings bank buildings, and tenements swept away, $250,000; Hayden Tobacco Company's mill carried off, $7,000; Hayden Foundry and Machine Company's works damaged, $5,000; other houses and stores, $30,000; gas works, $8,000.

At Leeds—Nonotuck Silk Company, dam broken and several buildings and houses carried away, $25,000; George P. Warner's button factory destroyed and three tenements, $100,000; other houses, barns, &c., $20,000.

At Northampton—Emery Wheel Company, damage $2,000.

At Florence—The Florence Manufacturing Company's brush factory, damage to stock, $3,000; Nonotuck Silk Company's silk mill partially torn away and stock damaged, $8,000.

DAMAGE TO THE VILLAGES.

The damage to the town of Williamsburg by the loss of bridges, great destruction of roads, and the complete ruin of the best meadow lands, is at present incalculable, but it is such as seriously to cripple the town. Three bridges were carried away in the village of Williamsburg—one wooden and two iron bridges. In the village of Leeds one bridge was taken off, and in the village of Florence one iron and two wooden bridges were swept away.

HAYDEN, GERE & CO.

Hayden, Gere & Co., of Haydenville, one of the most important firms which lost their establishments, will have a card in the Springfield *Republican* of to-morrow morning saying that they intend to rebuild their factory at once, and advertising for workmen for that purpose. Their employes will be paid as soon as the accounts can be made up, and the firm generally offers aid to those of their workmen in need of it.

A COMPLETE LIST OF THOSE MISSING FROM LEEDS.

The following is a complete list of those missing from the village of Leeds:

Mrs. Patrick, Charles Patrick and his wife, Miss Julia Patrick and her sister, Mrs. Dunlea and her daughter, Mr. Fitzgerald and two children, Charles and Annie, two children of John Clancy, Mrs. Jane Cogan, Misses Annie and Grace Cogan, Andrew Fennessey, wife and two children, Mrs. Louis Brouette and seven children, Mrs. Hurley, Miss Carrie Bonney, James Fennessey and wife, Lizzie Charpentier, Mary Rose, Patrick O'Neil, Alexander Laucler, Ralph Isham, Ira Dunning, Samuel Davis, Mr. Smith, Arthur Sharp, a boy, Mrs. O'Shaughenay, Mrs. E. Hannon and three children, Mrs. Sarah J. Ryan and child, Miss Eveline Sherwood, Capt. T. F. Vaughn, Miss Mary Woodward, Nellie Tennessy—42.

THE RESERVOIR AND THE DAM.

It appears that serious doubts as to the safety of the reservoir have been entertained ever since it was built, nine years ago, though less the last year or two than in its early history. The gate-keeper has several times expressed fears to his employers, calling special attention once to the point where the break occurred but the examiners always reported everything safe.

IMPORTANT TESTIMONY AS TO THE CONDITION OF THE RESERVOIR.

Vastly more important testimony than this of the gate-keeper, however, is that furnished by Mr. Lewis Bodman, a life-long and well-known resident of Williamsburg, and for many years connected with its manufacturing interests. Mr. Bodman is thoroughly familiar with the reservoir, which he helped to pay for, being at that time the owner of the James Mill, which he sold to Mr. James six years ago. Mr. Bodman was interviewed by a reporter of the Springfield *Republican*, Saturday evening, and gave his opinions with great frankness. He says that the proprietors were not satisfied with the reservoir when it was built, and felt that it was not safe. Mr. Bodman accompanied the late Lieut. Gov. Hayden when the reservoir was first filled, which was not until the Spring of 1866, and says that they both expected to see it go off at that first trial. It manifested no special weakness, however, and at various times subsequently it was strengthened, the most important of such operations and one of the most recent being the "rip-rapping." Mr. Bodman, however, confesses that he never felt quite satisfied with the reservoir during the three years of its history, when he was mill proprietor and so part owner of it. Since then he has maintained his interest in the manufacturing enterprises so fully as to keep himself well informed of the reservoir's condition, and he says that he has become constantly better satisfied with it, until, had he been asked the day before the disaster whether he considered it safe, he would have unhesitatingly replied in the affirmative. Indeed Mr. Bodman did thus assure a townsman who only a week ago, as if with some admonition of the fate that overtook him on Saturday, particularly questioned him as to whether there was not danger that the reservoir would give way. This opinion of its safety, Mr. Bodman says, was coincided with by all the manufacturers, who, he remarked, had the most reason to feel anxiety, if there were any grounds for it, as having most at stake in the matter. Upon being more closely questioned as to his opinion of the contractor of the reservoir, Mr. Bodman gave an opinion which fully confirmed the impression that the reporter had received from a visit to the ruins, namely, that the work as a whole was not satisfactory, and that the upper third of the wall was slovenly built. He says that when the contractor had reached this stage it was getting late in the Fall, and cold weather was coming on. The engineer was sick some of the time, and did not exercise so constant and close a supervision as his position demanded, and the contractors hurried up their work as rapidly as possible, with too little regard, Mr. Bodman thinks, to the quality of their work.

THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE WORK.

Notwithstanding, however, Mr. Bodman's confession that both he and the other proprietors of the reservoir were dissatisfied with the style of construction, it was examined and accepted by the Commissioners of Hampshire County, who have also since then more than once examined it, and advised as to repairs upon it.

THE DIRECT CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT UNKNOWN.

The direct cause of the disaster, aside from the general weakness of the dam, must remain a subject of speculation. The gate-keeper detected no sign of danger when he examined the situation at early dawn, and what the last straw was that broke the great back of the reservoir can never be definitely known. Perhaps as satisfactory a theory as any is the one advanced by a man familiar with the case, that the frosts had started the earth so that the water had found numerous little courses through it, which finally carried off the first mass of earth Saturday morning, and at once precipitated the catastrophe. The gate-keeper, as already said, has at various times feared a break, from the fact that a stream of water flowed constantly through the bottom of the gateway, while there were also a number of small streams, some of them quite minute, along the bottom on either side of the centre.

DIFFERENT VIEWS OF THE WEAK POINTS OF THE RESERVOIR.

It is a curious fact, by the way, that while the gate-keeper has always felt most anxious of the spot where the break actually came, the proprietors of the reservoir, who had fears as to its safety, felt afraid of the opposite side. As to these little streams of water, a gentleman familiar with the construction of reservoirs says that it is quite impossible to construct such a dam so that there shall be absolutely no show of water on the lower side. This gentleman was fully conversant with the construction and character of the Williamsburg Reservoir, and says that he never felt there was ground for alarm in such small streams as trickled through it. The soil, he says, was full of springs, and from these springs, he thinks, came most of the little water-flows.

DR. JOHNSON ONE OF THE LOST.

Most prominent among the victims at Williamsburg was Dr. E. M. Johnson, thirty-six

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LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

FRANCE.

THE RESIGNATION OF THE DE BROGLIE CABINET ACCEPTED—M. GOULARD TO FORM A NEW MINISTRY.

PARIS, May 17.—President MacMahon has accepted the resignation of the De Broglie Cabinet, and has intrusted to M. Goulard the formation of a new Ministry, which is expected to be completed to-morrow.

M. Goulard on accepting the Premiership declared his policy would be to carry the constitutional bills through the Assembly and complete the organization of MacMahon's power.

RUMORS REGARDING THE NEW CABINET.

PARIS, May 17.—It is reported that M. Goulard is forming the new Government from the Right Centre and the conservative portion of the Left Centre. M. Magne and others of the late Ministry will probably be retained in office.

The latest advices from Versailles mention Goulard as Minister of the Interior; Count Chandordy, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Magne, Minister of Finance; Mathieu-Bodet, Minister of Public Works; Deseeilligny, Minister of Commerce; Desjardins, Minister of Education; and Gen. Bertaud, Minister of War.

THE DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGED.

PARIS, May 17.—The Republican journals strongly urge the immediate dissolution of the Assembly, which they declare powerless to constitute anything.

THE POSITION OF THE LEGITIMIST PARTY—IT IS REGARDED AS HAVING COMMITTED SUICIDE.

PARIS, May 17.—There is a rumor that the extreme Right intend to move the restoration of the Monarchy, and if the motion fails, will vote for dissolution.

The opinion is generally expressed that the Legitimist Party in the Assembly, by its vote of Friday, committed political suicide. It is asserted that their policy was inspired from Frohsdorff.

NEW POLITICAL COMBINATIONS—TRANQUILLITY PREVAILS.

PARIS, May 17.—The division between the moderate and extreme Right renders probable an alliance between the former section and the conservative wing of the Left Centre. A new majority may thus be constituted, which will support the incoming Government and enable it to go on with the execution of the programme of the Septennate, and bring about the speedy adoption of the constitutional bills. It is not thought that there is any immediate prospect of a dissolution of the Assembly.

Tranquillity prevails throughout France. President MacMahon's power is unquestioned.

GREAT BRITAIN.

SERIOUS RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

LONDON, May 17.—A collision is reported on the railway at Merthyr-Tydvil, Wales, between a coal and a passenger train. Forty persons were seriously injured.

THE ENGLISH ERIE SHAREHOLDERS' AGENT ON THE WAY TO NEW-YORK.

LONDON, May 18—5 A. M.—The steamship Calabria, which sailed from Queenstown yesterday, took out as passenger Capt. Tyler, who goes to New-York to investigate Erie Railway affairs.

The steamer Faraday, with the new Atlantic telegraph cable, has sailed from Gravesend.

MOVEMENTS OF THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.

LONDON, May 18—6 A. M.—The Czar went to Windsor yesterday and bid farewell to the Queen. To-day he visits Guildhall. All the flags of the city are flying.

SPAIN.

RUMORED INTENTIONS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, May 17.—Special dispatches from Madrid say the new Government intends to revive titles of nobility, and to subsidize the clergy.

GEN. CONCHA'S ADVANCE.

MADRID, May 17.—Gen. Concha is approaching the River Ebro. His head-quarters will be transferred to Miranda, whither stores and reserves are being forwarded.

REPORTED OPERATIONS OF THE CARLISTS.

BAYONNE, May 17.—The Carlists are harrassing the Republicans in their intrenchments near Bilbao.

RUSSIA.

THE IMPERIAL DIAMOND THEFT.

LONDON, May 18.—The Czar's nephew, who was arrested in St. Petersburg for theft of diamonds, is the eldest son of the Grand Duke Constantine.

CUBA.

GEN. PORTILLO GONE TO SPAIN—THE WORCESTER.

HAVANA, May 12.—Gen. Portillo has sailed for Spain.

The United States Steamer Worcester arrived here this morning, and sailed in the evening.

EDUCATION OF DEAF-MUTES.

BOSTON, May 17.—It is proposed to organize an association in Boston to aid the deaf-mutes of Massachusetts in learning trades, with a view to becoming self-supporting, and to assist them in obtaining collegiate education at the National De

ST. JAMES' M. E. CHURCH.

ITS HISTORY AND WORK.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EDIFICE—ITS PASTOR AND TRUSTEES—SKETCH OF REV. C. D. FOSS—THE SERVICES YESTERDAY.

Prominent among the Methodist Episcopal churches of this City that of St. James', Harlem, is generally recognized as in the front rank of those which, without a superabundance of riches, have accomplished more for the cause of religious advancement than many whom worldly possessions have made famous. Founded by a generation untainted by the war, and the demoralized scramble for wealth which followed in its train, its tone and temper have savored more of the subdued but steady growth which makes little noise in the world, but in the end accomplishes a great deal. Unassisted from without, this society has gradually expanded, both in numbers and devotion, until from a feeble foothold of the Gospel, struggling for existence in an uncongenial soil, it has emerged into a large and flourishing church, with a deserved position in the religious world, and a reputation among its sister societies second to none in the land. The church itself occupies the north-east corner of Madison avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, and it would be hard to find a spot combining the envied *rus in urbe* in more equal proportions. A few blocks to the southward rises the green slope of Mount Morris, encircled about half way up by a single row of trees, through the intervening branches of which the sharp outlines of the hill are visible. Scattered through the surrounding squares are churches, brown-stone residences, and rustic cottages, of striking and well-contrasted designs, alternating with close-cut lawns and artistic shrubbery. In architecture the church is of the decorated Gothic, a style prevalent in England toward the close of the thirteenth century. At the south-west corner is the spire, 185 feet high, while the eastern end is crossed by a transept, 22 feet wide. Adjoining the main body of the church, on the east, is the chapel, in the same style, and containing a lecture room, 55 feet by 36, church parlors, Trustee's room, and other apartments. The auditorium of the main building is spacious, and more than commonly endowed with acoustic excellencies. No pillars intervene between the pulpit and the audience to break the sound of the speaker's voice, as is too frequently the case in many houses of worship. From the floor to the groined roof the distance is 40 feet, the latter being built in a single span, heavily ornamented with molded ribs, corbels, &c. Light is admitted through two transept and eight side windows, adorned with foliated designs in blue and gold. The walls, ceiling, and rear of the pulpit are beautifully frescoed in mauve, the work of Boyer of this City. To the right of the main building and adjoining it is a three-story parsonage, erected at a cost of $30,000. The material used in this, as in the church and chapel, is Connecticut brown free-stone. At the time of completion, May, 1871, the total cost was estimated at $150,000; to-day the whole could hardly be built for less than $170,000. Ground was broken for the foundations in 1869, so that the entire time consumed in the work was only about two years. Rembrandt Lockwood, of No. 293 Broadway, was the architect.

The first attempt to found a Methodist Episcopal Church in Harlem dates back to 1832. In June of that year a meeting to form a church organization was held at the Academy and a Board of Trustees chosen, among whom were Joseph Smith, Andrew C. Wheeler, Benjamin Disbrow, and Isaac Platt. At that early date the affairs of the society were not in a very flourishing condition, and the sacrifices of time and money required of the Trustees were correspondingly large. Voluntary contributions of considerable amounts were often made by these gentlemen, and for some time the larger part of the interest on the church debt was paid out of their own pockets. The first move of the board was to purchase of David P. Ingraham, since Judge of the Supreme Court, eight lots of ground on One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth streets, between Third and Fourth avenues, with certain improvements thereon, for $2,000. To-day the same property could not be bought for $55,000. For the original $2,000 the Trustees gave a mortgage with interest at six per cent. On this ground the first house of worship was opened in 1834, in which Rev. Walker Booth, a missionary to that part of the island, and several other local preachers supplied by the conference, officiated. During the succeeding year the pulpit was occupied by Rev. Wm. C. Hawley, and the year after that by Rev. Daniel De Vine. Only a small portion of their time could be devoted to the Harlem Church, their duties as missionaries elsewhere being many and varied. In August, 1836, the parsonage house and one lot on One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and four lots on One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street were disposed of for $5,000. Two new Trustees, Michael Floy and John Stevenson, the well-known car-builder, were added to the board in the year following in the place of Joseph Smith and Andrew C. Wheeler, and a settlement effected with Dr. Richard Seaman, who represented the society in the original purchase, by which the church and three lots above mentioned were deeded to the Trustees in consideration of a bond and mortgage for $3,500. Among the other Trustees whose names were identified with the growth of the church at this period were Anthony Tiemann, Isaac Lockwood, and Mr. John Raynor. In the years 1837 and 1838 the pulpit was filled in succession by Rev. John Luckey, Rev. James Floy, and Rev. John Tackabury, all of whom were then stationed as missionaries on the Harlem Circuit. Local preachers from New-York also lent their aid. For the ten years from 1840 to 1850 the church was under the pastoral charge of Revs. T. H. Clark, S. U. F.; Elbert Osborn, Richard Seaman, George Taylor, Samuel D. Ferguson, R. C. Putney, and one or two others. Another devoted friend in the ranks of the clergy was Rev. James M. Freeman, at that time a local preacher and theological student at Harlem, and now one of the ablest preachers in the New-Jersey Conference. Between 1840 and 1850 a number of changes took place in the Board of Trustees, J. D. Wheat, Jas. Beatty, John Raynor, Adonijah Hyler, Anthony Brill, Peter S. Schriver, Isaac Lockwood, Robert Ellis, Johnston Gillen, James Westby, Richard Seaman, Abram Ferrel, Sanford Wager, and Robert Crawford being elected to fill various vacancies. Many of these gentlemen served in the board for a number of years, and both for executive ability as well as their personal virtues, are held in grateful remembrance by surviving associates. An additional member, whose talents were always at the service of the church, and whose zeal in its interests is sincerely mourned, was Mr. Edward C. Weeks, first elected to the board in 1850. From that period when the society may be said to have become self-sustaining, to the year 1870, its history has been unmarked by any change of great moment. The years were years of general growth and prosperity, in which the church and its members shared, and in the gradual building up of that portion of the island looked forward to the time when their increased means would warrant the erection of a newer and more fitting edifice on the spot consecrated by the trials and struggles of over forty years. A long line of worthy Pastors succeeded each other in the ministrations of the Gospel, and a number of prominent citizens of the upper portion of the island were admitted to membership. Among these were James Floy, Henry Davis, James Stephens, George W. Southwick, H. H. Gregory, David L. Dean, William White, and Jesse G. Keys, all of whom were elected to the Board of Trustees. The new church was dedicated on Sunday, May 14, 1871, Bishop Simpson officiating, assisted by Rev. B. I. Ives, of Auburn, N. Y., under whose effective appeals over $40,000 was raised on the spot toward the extinguishment of the debt remaining on the edifice. In the evening the sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. John P. Newman, of Washington. Full reports of the dedicatory services were published in all the morning papers of the day following, including THE TIMES. At that time, and during the year 1870, the pulpit was filled by Rev. H. B. Ridgeway, now absent with Dr. Strong's expedition in Palestine. The following is a list of the Trustees at the time of the erection of the new church: James Davis, Henry Meyer, H. H. Gregory, F. A. Thurston, J. Van Orden, G. Landon, Jr., James Wood, Geo. W. Southwick, David I. Dean, and Wm. White.

REV. CYRUS D. FOSS, D. D.

Rev. Cyrus D. Foss, D. D., the present Pastor of St. James', is one of the most widely and favorably known divines in the Methodist Church. Comparatively speaking a young man, he has, almost from his entrance into the ministry, held many of the most important charges in the New-York Conference. He comes of a good ministerial stock, his father before him being a Methodist clergyman, and his two brothers, William and Archibald, preachers of the same denomination. It is a little remarkable that all three carried off the highest honors in their respective classes at the university. Each in turn was valedictorian, and each, in his course through college, evinced attainments of no common order. Cyrus, the second in point of years, was born at Kingston, N. Y., where his father was at that time stationed, on the 17th of January, 1834. For several years before entering the University he pursued his studies at the church preparatory school at Amenia Seminary. He entered the Wesleyan-University at Middletown, Conn., in 1850, going through the full four years' course, and graduating in 1854. The succeeding years, 1855-56-57, he passed at Amenia, in the capacities of Professor and Principal of the preparatory school of the seminary. As a scholar he was brilliant, and at the same time thorough, with a marked aptitude for study. On the 6th of May, 1857, he was received into the New-York Conference at Newburg, Bishop Baker presiding, and Benjamin Griffin acting as Secretary. His first charge was Chester, N. Y., a post which he held with satisfaction to himself and the society until 1859, when he was transferred to Fleet street, Brooklyn. This is one of the first churches in the New-York Conference, and the readiness with which the rising young clergyman of twenty-five was selected by his older brethren for this important position sufficiently attests the esteem in which he was held by his associates. After serving the two years allotted by the rules of the Church he was advanced, in 1861, to Hanson Place Church, Brooklyn. In 1863-64 he officiated in the South Fifth Street (now St. John's) Church, Williamsburg; in 1865-67 at St. Paul's, New-York; in 1868-70 at Trinity, New-York; and in 1871-73 at St. Paul's in this City a second time. In 1873 he was appointed to the pastorate of St. James' Church, Harlem, which he now holds. His degree of D. D., as well as those of B. A. and M. A., were bestowed on him by his Alma Mater, the Wesleyan University. In May, 1872, he was one of the delegates from New-York to the General Conference of that year, held at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, at which he was appointed a member of the Committee on Missions, and received 85 votes for Bishop. In person Dr. Foss is above the middle height, of commanding presence, with a piercing black eye, dark hair, and generally dark complexion. Though naturally quiet and undemonstrative, the doctor is a good conversationalist, full of anecdote, and possessed a remarkable memory. His sermons are noted for their force of argument, classical allusions, and animated delivery. As a contributor to the *Christian Union*, *Independent*, and others of the religious press, he has gained a merited reputation as a writer on religious topics. In the Summer of 1867 the doctor made an extended tour across the Atlantic, through England, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Northern Italy. He has been twice married—in 1856 to Miss Mary E. Bradley, of Salisbury, Conn., who died several years later, and again in 1865 to Miss Amelia Robertson, of Peekskill.

MORNING SERVICES—SERMON BY REV. DR. FOSS.

The services at the St. James' Methodist Episcopal Church were conducted yesterday by the Pastor, Rev. Cyrus D. Foss. After the usual service of song and prayer he preached from the text, "When ye spread forth your hands I will hide mine eyes from you; when you make many prayers I will not heed you," Isaiah i., 15. In commencing his discourse the reverend gentleman said: Who sings this? Some incensed sovereign who pronounces the downfall of rebels—some subjects whom he will deal with no longer; some monarch who in these words hands over to the executioner a victim, intimating at the same time his purpose to be present at the execution, yet declaring that when the victims stretch forth their hands with supplication, he will turn his eyes away, and will not ears against their interceding cries? No, my friends, these are the words of the infinite Jehovah. Do they then announce the general scheme of His administration of the affairs of His world? Is this the utterance of some angel duly commissioned to come down from heaven and declare a change of God's plan that condemns the world to absolute ruin? No. These words were in the Bible 700 years before the Lord Jesus Christ came into this world and said, "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you," and yet, if these words were not a square contradiction of what the Bible elsewhere teaches concerning God here and the uncertainty of prayer, they are a paradox, for they seem to be a contradiction. God said, "Before ye call, I will answer, and while ye are yet speaking I will come, and he that cometh to me I will not cast out." These scriptures reveal the law of prayer. They tell us the prayers that God will treat, what prayers He will answer, and so the words of this text are easily explicable with some plan consistent with the words that there is no violent contradiction with God. He is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever, and when these words were written God's great heart of love was yearning toward the world with tenderness and compassion. Come to the consideration of this remarkable text not with a lurking suspicion that this is but sudden and angry outburst of some outraged tyrant. It is not that at all. It is rather a plain and fervent declaration of a view considerate with man's guilt, and the determination that God will punish the obdurate and impenitent. And yet these words are but the utterance and the realizing and the softening into tears of pity and promises of pardon on the part of God. Consider first this setting of the text, the history out of which it grows and of which it forms a part. In the prophecy of Isaiah, first reverse, he find the words, "Hear ye, oh heavens, give ear, oh earth, for the Lord has spoken." And why call upon the heavens and the earth when the message is really addressed to man? Because men to whom this language is about to be really addressed have proved themselves so insensible and so obstinate that it would seem not a more hopeless task to call to the heavens above and the globe below to get a hearing than from man. This language is the dreadful indictment of the song of Jeremiah and Micah. Jeremiah said: "Be astonished, oh ye heavens, &c.," and Micah exclaimed: "Hear ye, oh mountains, the Lord's controversy with his people." Men are so deaf to the words of the Lord that the mountains will testify against them. And what is the gravemen of the indictment thus given. "I have nourished and brought up children, and not only brought up but exalted them in point of privilege and honor, and they have rebelled against me." For their sin the Lord gave them to their enemies, and they are described as children of Sodom and Gomorrah. And what is the picture you have thus formed of a nation that rebels against God, and runs away into evil courses, and is called after and never looks back at all, but goes on and on, though hearing the call of God? Is that the picture? No. This is the picture—A people fighting against God with all their hands, and yet beseeching Him with hollow prayers and hypocritical services. This is the picture. Hear the next words: "I delight not in the blood of bullocks or of lambs, and incense is an abomination to me." This is God's indictment and thus he says when you spread forth your hands, "I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many prayers I will not heed ye." Now, my friends, don't you feel like crying against this insane and impious folly of this Jewish nation, and say: "Oh! what wicked follies!" Yes, that is the way you and I feel. Let us be careful lest we condone our own sins by scourging them. Depend upon it that upon this chapter, as on the rest of the Testament, that the things here written are written for our benefit. This is not in the Scriptures for no purpose. There are other cases of the same sort. I suggested in the morning lesson the case of the first King of the Israelites who was commanded to perform a certain duty, who insisted that he complied with the demand, and who went into the temple to offer sacrifice with the animals he was ordered to destroy. And the prophet said "Because thy house rejected me I will reject thee as King of Israel." Obedience is better than sacrifice. It is not a question of a multitude of sacrifices, but of sacrificing with an honest heart and in a spirit of obedience to God's commands. The sum and substance of this sin of the Jews was the attempt to divorce piety from morality. You cannot divorce piety from morality until you cut God and man in two, and make them two Gods and two human beings. Religion covers the whole of man's relations to God. Admit that these Jews made attempts to please God by certain words uttered in the temple, but they were trampling under foot His dearest commandments. "Ah, these wicked Jews!" My friends, don't say that. Let us see whether it is not human nature that does this, and whether there are not abundant historical examples of the same kind. You venture to say that this divorce of morality from piety, and this division of religion and trampling it under foot and flinging it in the face of God, has been the great error of all the world. Look at heathenism in every nation where it abounds, and see if this is not correct. Look at it in its most cherished aspects in Greece and Rome, and tell me whether Aristotle's system of morality was not entirely separate from God and bore no relation to religion. Religion had no connection with morals, and embodied many of the worst corruptions of the time. The philosophers taught morals and the priests religion, and neither suspected that one had anything to do with the other, but there is no example of the erroneous system of practical heathenism, mingled with the doctrines of Christianity, except in Romanism. And what is Romanism in this regard? It is permitted to do this very thing this chapter condemns to make religion a symbol toward God, and not morality toward men and honesty before God. And so it sells indulgence to commit sin. It has in many ages sold privileges for man to kill his confederates, and in many foreign countries priests have attended service in the morning and gone to bull-fights in the afternoon. It is not uncommon for the members of this priesthood to give the afternoon of the Sabbath to every sort of excess, and so this system has comprehended all the blackest and foulest crimes committed in the name of religion. They insist that religion covers them as with a shield. It has struck a medal, which is preserved to the present time, illustrating the massacre of St. Bartholomew. See the character of Alexander, the sixth Pope of Rome. An eminent writer said that it would be flattery to call him the Tiberius of the Pontificate. He bribed his way to the Papedom, he poisoned one of his Cardinals, and finally slew himself. His life was distinguished by the most extraordinary and unprecedented licentiousness, and he was scarcely a better man than Cæsar Borzia, his son. And yet the doctrine of infallibility has stamped all these things as virtues, and defends these acts against all time. So, you see, the system is chargeable with the effort of maintaining that, instead of piety toward God, incense and prayer are religion while morality is trampled under foot; the very virtue that most adorns humanity is by means of its most prominent pretended adherents thrown down into the mire of the sluma. So also might I ask if there are no Protestants who further abjure the name and dislike it exceedingly, who try in the six weeks of Lent to atone for the sins of the whole year; who, months before that time, are spending their evenings in the theatre and the house of dancing, and who pass their time idly and viciously along into the small hours of the morning. And yet they come to the communion and call themselves Christians. They pretend to worship and serve God, and yet live in violation of His plain commands. Come with me to the most Protestant of our Protestant assemblies, and tell me are not these charges against our Christian congregations well founded. Are there no men who attend our Protestant services who have on their consciences much guilt of a terrible sort that does not at all trouble them?—the guilt of some past dishonesty or of some secret vice that the world at large knows nothing about? Are there no professing Christians whose religious ideas are swallowed up in worldliness; whose thoughts are concerned entirely and exclusively in the things of this world; whose whole minds are engaged in concocting and carrying out the sharp practices which Wall street applauds, but which the Testament condemns, and who regard the one hour and thirty minutes of religious worship on the Sabbath as their religion of the week, and of the whole week; who spend their Sabbath afternoons in reading the secular newspapers, and in riding or promenading in the park? And perhaps, after all, it is but the natural result that the wives of such men should be most concerned as to how their children are to go out into the world—how they are to be advanced into the best society, as the giddy world esteems "society." They are concerned about their own social position, but care little and spend little time in seeking after better things. Are there not persons whose hearts are sealed against all the calls of charity and all the demands of the perishing world, and yet, I say, they claim to be followers and disciples of Christ, who gave Himself to die for the world. But such people are ready to say, Why is it that my past experience has so little joy and so little satisfaction? Perhaps, too, they say, Where is the blessedness I once enjoyed as I served the Lord? If there is one among you here this morning who would like to know where that blessedness has gone, I will tell you. It is buried in the grave, where your sins, your worldliness, and your disregard of God has thrown it. There, too, you must find it. Let me say to you a few words of the promise contained in God's Book descriptive of such neglect, and of the morality He requires of you and the virtue he insists upon. Here, in God's holy language, we are told that "the Lord's arm is not shortened that He cannot save, nor His ear heavy that he cannot hear." But your iniquities have made a separation—they have thrown a terrible gulf between you and the Lord of Glory, and your sins have hid his face from you so that he cannot hear. The practical suggestions of this theme is that in all these prayers, in order that they may be answered, there must be moral honesty; they must be accompanied by moral honesty in the Scriptural sense, and by this sense nothing less is meant than a strenuous effort after all virtue. It is that a public exhibition of moral honesty! All virtue, according to the Scriptures, is descended from God; all violations of virtue are violations of God's laws and ordinances. And in whatever way we commit these violations, the violations of integrity, of social life, of courtesy toward one another; all these are violations of God's ordinances. David says, "Against Thee only have I sinned, O Lord," and this is the saying of one who had previously sinned against man. Here is the confession of an adulterer and a murderer. 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Copper, bbls.	25	Leather, sides	52
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Cotton, bales	1,178	Tallow, pks.	892
Eggs, bbls.	2,206	Lard, tcs.	225
Flour, bbls.	18,352	Cut-meats, pks.	380
Meal, bags	60	Lard, bbls.	128
Wheat, bushels	356,400	Lard, kegs	380
Corn, bushels	205,000	Pork, bbls.	3,436
Oats, bushels	60,506	Cheese, pks.	3,235
Rye, bushels	16,047	Oil-cake, pks.	1,392
Malt, bushels	18,494	Tea-nuts, bags	150
Beans, bbls.	90	Lead, pigs	4,000
Peas, bags	2	Brandy, pks.	50
Hides, No.	15,923	Wine, pks.	128
Horns, No.	42	Starch, pks.	500
Hemp, bales	45	Tobacco, hhds.	310
Hides, No.	5,881	Tobacco, pks.	56
Hides, bales	418	Wool, bales	128
Glass, pkgs.	85	Whisky, bbls.	431

ASHES—Pots have been inactive at $6 75 @ 100 lbs. Pearls dull and nominal at $9 25 @ 100 lbs.

BEESWAX—Yellow has been in very moderate request within the range of 33c.@35c. for fair to choice @ lb.

BOOTS AND SHOES—The movements in the jobbing line have been fairly active, especially in stock wanted by the near-by and local trade for prompt distribution, and prices have been quoted generally unchanged. The wholesale business is comparatively limited, and mostly in assorted selections of goods in small amounts, to keep up assortments. The sales through the auction rooms, though sufficiently well attended, have not been satisfactory as to values to the sellers. From Boston the report of a quiet market for the shipments shows a falling off. "A few houses in the towns where Spring goods for women's wear are made a specialty are doing a full business, but generally there is no activity, and manufacturers are working up the odds and ends, getting ready for Fall work. There is, however, not much probability that the Fall season will open earlier than usual, and many of the workmen will pursue out-of-door employments, and we imagine that the number who find steady work in the shoe factories will be much smaller than usual."

CALFSKINS—There has been quoted steady, on, however, a limited trade, with Adamantine, 12 to 16 ounces, at 13c. @17c.; Paraffine, 26c.@27c.; Sperm, plain, 28c.; Sperm, patent, 33c.@38c.; Stearic, 26c.@29c. @ lb.

COAL—Has been quite moderately sought after, with Liverpool House Cannel quoted at $20; do. Gas Cannel at $11; Cumberland Soft at $5 75@$7, and Anthracite at $5@$6 @ ton.

COFFEE—Dull, and nominally as last quoted.

COOPERAGE STOCK—Has been quoted firm on a moderate demand. White Oak Staves, hhds., quoted within the range at $11@$13@M.; do. pipe, $17@$20; do. bbl., $8@$12@125; Box Shooks, $30@$37; Pipe Shooks, $6 50@$7; Sugar Shooks, with heads, $2 10@$3 40; Molasses do., $2 25@$2 60; Hoop, $35 @M.

CORDAGE—Has been comparatively quiet on the basis of our revised quotations. Manilla Cordage, sizes above 12 threads, quoted at 17½c.; do., 6 thread and 9 do., 16c. and 7-16 inch in diameter, 17½c.; do., 9 thread, (5 inch in diameter,) 17½c.; Manila Hay Rope, 17½c.; Manila Cordage, Bolt Rope, Yarns, 13c.; do. do., 12 thread and 9 thread, 20c.; Tarred Manila, 16½c.; fine Tarred Manila, 15th Yarn, 18c.; Russian Bolt Rope, 15c.; Sisal Rope, sizes above 12 thread, 14½c.; do., 6 thread and 9 thread, 15½c.; do., 12 thread and Hay Rope, 16c.; New-Zealand Rope, sizes above 12 thread, 14c.; do do., 6 thread and 9 thread, (¼ inch and 5-16 inch), 15c.; do. do., 12 thread (1⅜ inches) and Hay Rope, 14½c.

COTTON—Has been moderately active for early delivery, with Ordinary grades quoted ¼c. @ lb. higher, and other qualities as before. Sales, 1,463 bales, in-

	Uplands.	Alabama.	N. O.	Texas.
Ordinary	17½	17½	17½	15½
Good Ordinary	17	17½	17⅝	17⅝
Strict Good Ordinary	17⅜	17⅝	17 13-16	17 13-16
Low Middling	18	18⅛	18⅜	18⅜
Middling	18¾	18⅞	19	19
Good Middling	20¼	20¼	20½	20½

DRUGS AND DYES.—A moderate movement has been reported in the leading kinds on the basis of about previous prices. Essential Oils in pretty fair request, but firmly held as to value.

DYE-WOODS—Have been offered in excess, and have been in demand at full prices. San Domingo Logwood sold at $20 @ ton, gold; Jamaica, $18 @ ton, gold; San Domingo Fustic, $21@21 50, and Mexican do., $20, currency.

EGGS—Have been in moderate demand within the range of 20c.@21c. @ dozen for very choice, with the main dealings at 14½c.@15½c. for fair to prime.

FERTILIZERS—Have been in moderate request at generally steady prices.

FRUIT—The market has been less active, but quoted about steady. Sales, 1,000 bxs. Layer Raisins at $2 75, 1,100 bxs. loose Muscatel do. at $3 40@$3 50, 100 bbls. Currants at 7½c., 6 casks Turkey Prunes at 12c., and Bright Grade Nuts at previous terms.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been in quite moderate demand at rather easier prices, shipping grades having been sought after. The sales since our last have been 10,800 bbls. of all grades, including poor to very choice No. 2 at $4@$5, chiefly at $4 50@$4 80; inferior to choice Superfine State and Western at $4 90@$5 75, chiefly at $4 90@$5 25; poor to very good Extra State, $5@$6 50, chiefly at $5 30@$6 40; very good to very fancy do., and City Mill Extras at $6 50@$7 75, mainly at $6 90@$7 25; poor shipping Round-hoop Ohio at $5 75@$6 25, and mostly at $6 20@$6 35 for common to fair lines, and $6 85 for very good; poor to choice shipping brands of Round-hoop Ohio at $6 75@$7 75, chiefly at $6 50@$6 85; poor to very good Minnesota Extra, for shipping, at $6 80@$7 75 @ bbl., and Trade and Family Extras at proportionate rates....Southern Flour unchanged; 550 bbls. sold at previous rates, and sales, 325 bbls....Corn-meal firm but quiet; sales 400 bbls.

GRAIN—Spring Wheat has been fairly active, the demand having been mostly for export, opening at about steady rates, but closing less firmly, under more urgent offerings, in part to arrive. Winter dull and irregular. Sales have been reported since our last of 156,000 bush. at $1 52@$1 58 for fair to strictly choice No. 1 Spring; $1 53@$1 54 for No. 2 Milwaukee do.; $1 52@$1 54 for No. 2 Milwaukee do., chiefly at $1 54 for best grades, and closing at $1 58 for one lot; average do., $1 49@$1 52 for No. 2 North-west do.; $1 48@$1 50 for No. 2 Chicago do., closing at $1 49 for boat-loads, $1 46 for No. 3 Milwaukee do., $1 40@$1 56 for ungraded Spring in sacks, and $1 57@$1 75 for White Western, with $1 65 reported bid for White Canada, in bond, which, however, was held higher. And for forward delivery, 5,000 bushels No. 2 Chicago Spring, to arrive next week, at $1 49; 16,000 bushels No. 2 Milwaukee do., to arrive within ten days, at $2, and 10,000 bushels No. 1 Minnesota, first half of June option, on private terms....Corn has been less active and quoted a shade cheaper, closing rather heavy. The demand from export buyers has been less manifest, and there has been a report of 16,000 bushels at 83c.@83½c. for inferior to choice new Mixed Western, closing at 85½c.@86c. for the best samples; 88c.@87½c. for ordinary to very choice old do., chiefly at 86½c. for good to prime samples; 85c.@87c. for Yellow Western, and 85¼c.@86c. for White do....Of Rye 2,000 bushels Jersey were reported sold at $1 09@$1 10 @ bushel....Nothing new in Barley or Malt....Oats have been in good demand and quoted firm. Sales have been reported at 57½c. for 5,000 bushels at 58c. for Mixed Western, mainly at 63½c. for boat-loads; 64c.@67c. for White do., the latter for very choice; and 63c. for Mixed State,....Hay, Straw, and Feed quoted about as in our last. The week's exports hence for Europe have been 18,495 bbls. Flour, 866,194 bushels Wheat, 288,596 bushels Corn, 15,900 bushels Rye, and 1,959 bushels Peas.

HIDES, &c.—Of Sisal Hemp, sales have been made lately of 900 bales at 7c., gold, 60 and 90 days. In Jute Butts the transactions include 600 bales at 2¼c. @2½c. currency. Market closing firm.

HIDES—Have been quoted easier in prices on a moderately active business. The week's receipts have been 56,572 Hides and 230 bales do.; sales, 64,025 Hides and 145 bales do., the latter including, according to Messrs. Pickard & Andrews, 3,960 Dry River Plate, from Europe, 27¾ lbs.; 240 Dry Buenos Ayres Seconds, 21 lbs., on private terms; 16,595 Dry Montevideo, 21 to 22 lbs., part at 20½c.; 1,250 Dry Rio Grande, 20 to 21 lbs., part at 20½c.; 2,450 Dry Rio Grande Ox, 21 to 22 lbs., at 25c.@25½c., gold, 15 to 60 days; 595 Dry Rio Grande Ox, 21 to 22 lbs., at 25c., gold, 60 days, usual selection; 1,310 Dry Rio Grande Kips, 12 lbs., on private terms; 1,750 Dry California, 21½ to 22 lbs., at 24½c., gold, cash; 4,315 Dry Orinoco, 20 to 22 lbs., at 25c., gold, 60 days, usual selection; 8,675 Dry Central American, 20 to 21 lbs., at 23c., gold, 30 to 60 days; 3,480 Dry San Juan, 21 to 22 lbs., at 22c., gold, 60 days, selected; 2,750 Dry Bogota, 22 lbs., at 24c., gold, 60 days; 3,670 Dry Mexican, 21 to 24 lbs., on private terms; 1,240 Dry Matamoras, 24 lbs., at 24c., gold, 60 days; 5,550 Dry Texas, 22 to 24 lbs., part at 23c., currency, four months, selected; 1,100 Dry Texas and Mexican Kips, 10 lbs., 3,080 Wet Salted Texas and Western Hides and Kips, 20 to 30 lbs., on private terms; 1,795 Wet Salted Rio Grande Cow, part to arrive, 50 lbs., at 14½c., currency, 30 days; 2,450 City Slaughter, 70 lbs., at 10½c., currency; 145 bales Calcutta Buffalo, 20 to 21 lbs., on private terms. Stock in first hands to-day, 116,500 Hides and 725 bales do., against 221,300 Hides and 421 bales do. same time last Year.

HOPS—Have been quiet, since our last, though buyers have had any existing advantage as to prices. American, new, good to choice, quoted at 25c.@30c.; American, new, low to fair, 10c.@20c.; Yearlings, 18c. @25c.; Olds, 8c.@15c.; Bavarians, (genuine,) 25c.@ 30c.; Bavarians, (potash,) 23c.@25c.; English, 20c.@ 24c.; Belgian, (nominal,) 18c.@22c.; Californian, 25c. @35c. @ lb. The week's receipts of Domestic have been 187 bales, making the arrivals since Sept. 1, 1873, according to Mr. Ramsay Wells, 20,501 bales, against 22,220 bales the same time last year, and the imports of Foreign since Sept. 1, 13,192 bales, against 20,479 bales same time last year.

LIQUORS—With comparatively liberal arrivals stocks are ample, and, of the less-desirable grades, accumulating. Hemlock Sole has met a moderate sale at generally steady rates, with some further purchases reported for shipment. Oak leather have been in request at unchanged figures. There has not been much inquiry for Union Crop, though buyers have had any existing advantage as to values. Rough Upper stock has been attracting rather more attention within the former range. A moderately active call has been noted for Morocco stock at full previous quotations. The demand for Harness Leather is almost wholly for the finer grades of City at unaltered rates.

METALS—Ingot Copper has been in fair demand and quoted firm. Sales are reported of 300,000 lbs. at 24¾ @25c., and 50,000 lbs. at Baltimore at 24¼c. New Sheathing quoted at 33c.; Old do., 22½c.@23c.; Yellow Metal Sheathing at 24c....Iron has been rather more sought after and quoted at the close steadier; sales 250 tons Foreign and 2,000 tons Old Rails on private terms. We quote: Eglinton Pig at $34@$34 50; Glengarnock, $36 50@$37; Coltness, $40; Garsherrie nominal; No. 1 American Pig at $38@$34....No. 2 do., $31@$32; Forge, $26@$30; English Rails at $55@$58, gold; American Rails, at works, $60@ 963; Old Rails at $40; Wrought Scrap at $42 50.... Nig-iron has been quiet at old figures, with foreign at $19@$20c. gold, for ordinary, and domestic at $5 80@ $6 90, gold; Bar quoted at 8½c.; Sheet and Pipe, 9c.... Spelter continues in limited demand at 5½c.@6¾c. gold, for foreign; 7c.@11c. for domestic....Tin has been inactive at about former rates. The closing prices at 24¾c. gold, for Straits; 21½c.@21¾c. do. for English, 28½c. for Banca; 29½c. @29¾c. for Refined English. Tin Plates have been moderately inquired for, with sales reported of 500 bxs. Charcoal at $10 75, and 250 bxs. Charcoal Terne at 99 37½c. gold. I. C. Charcoal quoted at $10 50@$11; I. C. Coke, $7 50@$8. Charcoal Terne, 40 lbs., I. C., $9 75@$10. Coke Terne, $7 75@$8, gold....Zinc dull and nominal at 6½c.@6¾c. gold. @ lb.

MOLASSES—Quiet to-day; prices unchanged.

NAILS—Have been in quite limited request, with the advantages as to prices in favor of buyers. Common Fence and Sheathing, 10d. to 60d., quoted at $3 @3 25; 8d. and 9d., $4@4 25; 6d. and 7d., $4 25@ $4 50; 4d. and 5d., $4 50@4 75; 3d. and 4d., $5 25 @5 50; 8d. fine, $5@5 25; 10d., $6 75@7; Clinch Spikes, all sizes, $4@4 25; Finishing Stock, $4 50@ $5; Clinch Stock, $5 50@6 50 @ keg.

NAVAL STORES—Resin dull, on the basis of $2 65@ $2 70 for Strained to good Strained; sales, 150 bbls. Pale at $4 75@$5 @ 280 lbs....Tar unchanged....Spirits Turpentine in demand at 39c. but held at 39½c.; sales, 50 bbls. New-York pkn. at 40c.

OIL-CAKE—Has been quiet but steady, with Western quoted at $43, currency, and City at $42, gold, @ ton. The week's receipts have been, 4,470 bags; exports, 12,410 pks.

PETROLEUM—Crude rather quiet at 5¼c.@5⅝c., in bulk; sales, 2,000 bbls. on private terms....Refined in limited request, with sales reported of 3,000 bbls., May option, at 13¾c.; early deliveries quoted at 13c.@ 13¼c., and at Philadelphia, 5,000 bbls., early delivery, at 13c....Refined, in cases, inactive at 18½c.@19c.... Naphtha, 8½c.@8⅝c.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been in very good demand, and firmer and buoyant in price. Sales for early delivery embrace 900 bbls. new Western Mess at $17 75; 925 bbls. old do. at $17@$18 50, the latter rate for job lots, and 50 bbls. Western Prime Mess at $16 50. And for forward delivery, of new Western Mess, 1,000 bbls., May option, at $17 70@$17 75; 3,000 bbls. June, at $17 70@$17 75, with July quoted at $18, and August at $18 25....Dressed Hogs in demand at 7½c.@7¾c. for merchantable City....Cut-meats quiet within the previous range....Bacon stiffly held, but without activity; sales 250 bxs. Cumberland Cut at 9½c., 25 bxs. City Long Clear at 10c., with Short Clear quoted at 10¼c....Lard has been offered with reserve, and quoted firmer on a moderate business for early delivery. Sales reported of small lots of the shipments show a range of 10¾c.@11c.; 250 tcs. City Steam and Kettle at 10½c. @10⅝c.; 200 tcs. No. 1 City at 10¾c., and small lots of Refined at 11½c. And for forward delivery, of Western Steam, 250 tcs., May, at 10 18-16c.; 750 tcs., June, at 10⅞c., closing at 10 15-16c.@11c.; 3,000 tcs., July, at 11⅛c.@11 3-16c., and 750 tcs., August, at 11¼c.@11½c., closing at 11½c., steady, but quiet; sales, 70 bbls. at unchanged figures, and 100 tcs. Prime Mess at $22@23 @ tierce....Butter slow of sale at drooping prices....Cheese in demand and about as last quoted. The week's exports hence for European ports have been 1,162 pks. Pork, 1,922 pks. Beef, 7,190 bxs. Bacon, 6,388 pks. Lard, and 13,849 bxs. Cheese.

SALT—Has been generally slow of sale since our last, with Liverpool ground coarse heavy at $1 10@$1 25; Liverpool Fine, $1 85@$3, from store; Turk's Island, &c., from store, 30c.

SALTPETRE—Has been neglected and nominal at 5½c., gold, @ lb.

SKINS—Deer have been quoted lower, leading to more activity. Receipts, 310 bales. Sales include 5,000 lbs. Para, 12,000 lbs. Puerto Cabello, 22,000 lbs. Central American, 20,000 lbs. Angostura, 15,000 lbs. Sisal, 2,000 lbs. Vera Cruz, and 4,000 lbs. Matamoras, within our range. Goat have been in fair request, and firmer in price. Receipts, 6,519 bales. Sales, 600 bales Mexican and 15 bales Payta on private terms. Deer quoted: Honduras, 60c.; Vera Cruz, 60c.; Guatemala, 60c.; Central American, trimmed, 60c.; Central American, not trimmed, 55c.; Sisal, 61c.; Angostura, 48c.; Para, 54c.; Puerto Cabello, 50c., currency, @ lb. Tampico Goat, 50c.@52c.; Matamoras, 50c.@52c.; Vera Cruz, 45c.@46c. gold; Buenos Ayres, 47c.@47½c.; Curacoa, 50c.@52½c.; Cape, 32c.@36c.; Madras, @ skin, 42c.@50c.; Patna, 35c.@39c., currency, @ lb.

SUGARS—Raw dull and heavy, within the previous range. Sales, 4,250 hhds. Refining Grades fair to about fully good, at 7⅝c.@7 15-16c.; 104 hhds. Porto Rico at 7⅞c., and 117 bxs. and 1,223 bags Centrifugal at 9c. Refined quiet at former prices.

TALLOW, &c.—Tallow sold to the extent of 185,000 lbs., at 7⅝c.@7 13-16c. for good to strictly choice; market firm....Of Stearine, 100 tcs. good Western sold at 11¾c., with best samples of City quoted at 12¼c.@12⅝c., and scarce....Of Grease, 66 tcs. sold at 7⅛c.@8¼c....The week's exports of Tallow have been 502 pks.

WHISKY—Lower, and in less demand; sales, 200 bbls., at 98c.@98½c., closing at about 98c. @ gallon.

WOOL—The general market has been fairly active, and on desirable grades of stock full prices have been realized. The demand from manufacturers has been more animated for both domestic and foreign. Some inquiry has been noted for supplies for the Canada market, but only for Cape stock. Sales have been reported during the week of equal to 165,000 lbs. Domestic Fleece at 44c.@56c.; 10,500 lbs. Washed stock, part at 56c., for Delaine; 12,000 lbs. Pulled at 53c.@55c.; 35,000 lbs. Unwashed at 48c.@55c.; 32,500 lbs. Georgia, part at 39c.; 5,500 lbs. Nevada at 32c.@33c.; 6,000 lbs. Oregon at 35c.; 775 pks. and 31,000 lbs. Domestic Pulled at from 28c. @50c., chiefly at 40c.@50c.; 41,500 lbs. Indian, part 182 pks. Black, on private terms; 220,000 lbs. Texas at from 20c.@35c.; 7,000 lbs. New do. at 35c.; 690 bales, and 10,000 lbs. Clarenda Fall at 21½c.@27c.; 55,500 lbs., and 285 bales, do. Spring at 26c.@37½c., chiefly at 30c.@36c.; 109 bales and 53,000 lbs. Australian within the range of 45c.@55c.; 44 bales Buenos Ayres at 32c.@37½c.; 10,000 lbs. Mestiza, part Pulled, and 200,000 lbs. Crocla, on private terms; 10,000 lbs. New-Zealand at 45c. @47½c.; 178,000 lbs. Montevideo at 36c.@38½c.; 830 bales and 1,000 lbs. Cape at 34c.@35c. @ lb.

FREIGHTS—The market has been less active. Room on berth has been offered less freely, and quoted firmer for Cotton to British ports, with a steady demand noted for accommodation. The chartering movement was on a restricted scale. Rates, however, were firm. The chief call was for tonnage suited to Grain and Petroleum lines....For Liverpool, the reported engagements since our last have been, by steam, 650 bales Cotton at 7-32d.@¼d., chiefly at ¼d. @ lb., as it runs; 24,000 bushels Grain at 9¼d.; 30 bushels 150 pks. Pork, and 1,500 tierces Petroleum, 650 pks. Beef, and Lard, chiefly Bacon, at 40s. @ ton....For London, by sail, 1,350 bbls. Flour at 2s. 6d. @ bbl.; 2,000 bushels Grain at 9¼d. @ bushel; 100 bales Hair at 3 @ bbls. Tobacco on private terms; and, by steam, 1,000 Staves, also on private terms....For Glasgow, by steam, 4,900 Staves on private terms....For Bristol, an American brig, 440 tons, hence with about 2,500 bbls. Refined Petroleum at 5s. 6d. @ bbl....For Belfast, a British bark, 382 tons, with about 2,600 quarters Grain from Philadelphia at 7s. 6d. @ quarter....For Cork for orders, an Italian bark, 560 tons, hence with about 3,500 quarters Grain at 7s. 6d.; another, 498 tons, hence, with about 2,900 quarters do., on private terms, (both vessels chartered a day or two since, but not previously reported,) and an American brig, 473 tons, hence, with about 2,900 bbls. Petroleum, at 5s. 3d. to the United Kingdom or the Continent, at 5s. 6d. @ bbl....To Dunkirk or Rotterdam, at 5s. 6d. if to the Baltic direct....For the Continent direct, a British bark, 437 tons, hence, with about 3,000 quarters Grain, reported at 7s. 3d. @ quarter....For the Continent, a Norwegian ship, 974 tons, hence with about 6,100 bbls. Petroleum at 5s. @ bbl., short lay days, privileges excluding Dutch ports; and a Norwegian bark, about 450 tons, hence with about 3,000 bbls. Crude Petroleum, on private terms....For Havre, by steam, 16,000 bushels Wheat at 22c. @ bushel, and 250 tcs. Lard at 2c. @ lb....For Antwerp, by steam, 60 bxs. Bacon on private terms....For Bremen, by steam, 18,000 bushels Corn and Rye at 10d. @ bushel; 800 bbls. Resin at 3s. 6d. @ 280 lbs., 125 pks. Tobacco on the basis of 25s. for cases, and 1,500 pks. Merchandise, on current rates....For Stettin, by steam, 18,000 bushels Wheat and 1,850 bxs. Bacon on private terms....For Hamburg, by steam, 1,000 bxs. Starch at equal to 28s. 6d....For the Baltic, a Norwegian bark, 444 tons, hence, with about 2,600 bbls. Petroleum, at 6s. @ bbl. ....For Barbadoes, an American brig, 322 tons, with general cargo, reported from Philadelphia, at $1,500, gold....For Matanzas and back to Philadelphia, a Brazilian brig, 219 tons, at 47½c.....For Maracaibo and back to New-York, an American schooner, 207 tons, on private terms....For the north side of Cuba and back to Philadelphia, a brig at $6 and $4....For Philadelphia, a schooner, with Lumber, from Jacksonville, at $9 50, and another, with do., from Savannah, at $8 25. For Jacksonville and back to New-York, an American schooner, 225 tons, at $10.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

NEW-ORLEANS, May 16.—Cotton quiet and unchanged; Middling, 18c.; net receipts, 445 bales; gross, 922 bales; exports to the Continent, 1,001 bales; to France, 1,935 bales; coastwise, 921 bales; sales, 1,000 bales; last evening, 350 bales; stock, 81,186 bales.

GALVESTON, May 16.—Cotton nominal; nothing doing; Good Ordinary, 18¼c.; Middling, 18c.; net receipts, 362 bales; exports coastwise, 2 bales; stock, 17,596 bales.

CHARLESTON, May 16.—Cotton firm; Middling, 17½c.; Low Middling, 17¼c.; Good Ordinary, 16¾c.; net receipts, 534 bales; exports coastwise, 839 bales; sales, 400 bales; stock, 13,504 bales.

SAVANNAH, May 16.—Cotton firm; Middling, 17¼c.; net receipts, 385 bales; gross, 1,405 bales; exports to the Continent, 3,049 bales; coastwise, 271 bales; sales, 210 bales; stock, 22,510 bales.

MOBILE, May 16.—Cotton—Nothing doing; nominal; Middling, 18c.; net receipts, 294 bales; exports coastwise, 306 bales; stock, 21,049 bales.

NORFOLK, May 16.—Cotton steady and firm; Low Middling, 17½c.; net receipts, 571 bales; exports coastwise, 250 bales; sales, 100 bales; stock, 5,296 bales.

MEMPHIS, May 16.—Cotton quiet and steady; Low Middling, 17¼c.@17½c.; receipts, 739 bales; shipments, 650 bales; stock, 30,089 bales.

WILMINGTON, May 16.—Cotton firm and nominal; Middling, 17¾c.; net receipts, 21 bales; stock, 1,354 bales.

AUGUSTA, May 16.—Cotton quiet; Middling, 17¼c.; net receipts, 190 bales; sales, 163 bales.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, May 16.—12:30 P. M.—Consols for money, 93¼@93⅝; for the account, 93⅝@93¾. United States 5-20 Bonds of 1865s, old, 107½; 10-40s, 104¾; new 5s, 104⅝. Erie Railway Shares, 32¼@32½; do. Preferred, 53. New-York Central, 88½.

1:30 P. M.—Consols for money, 93¼@93⅝; for the account, 93⅜@93⅝.

2 P. M.—Paris dispatches quote Rentes at 59f. 92½c.

6 P. M.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day is £16,000.

FRANKFORT, May 16.—United States Bonds, 98⅝ for the issue of 1862.

LIVERPOOL, May 16—12:30 P. M.—Cotton—The market is firm. Sales of the day include Uplands, 8½d.; Middling Orleans, 8¾d. Sales, 15,000 bales, including 9,000 for speculation and export. Cotton to arrive, 1-16d. higher. Sales on the basis of Middling Uplands, nothing below Good Ordinary, deliverable May, at 8 9-16d.; do., deliverable June and July, at 8¾d.; do. do., deliverable July and August, at 8¾d.; do. do., nothing below Low Middling, deliverable June and July, at 8 11-16d.; sales on the basis of Middling Orleans, nothing below Low Middling, deliverable July and August, at 8⅞d.

1:30 P. M.—Cotton—Sales on the basis of Middling Uplands, nothing below Low Middling, deliverable July and August, at 8 13-16d.; sales on the basis of Middling Orleans, nothing below Low Middling, deliverable May and June, at 8¾d. Breadstuffs—The market is quiet. Provisions—Lard, 42s. 3d. @ cwt.

2 P. M.—Cotton—Of the sales to-day, 8,900 bales were American.

ANTWERP, May 16.—Petroleum, 88½f. for fine Pale American.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET.

BOSTON, Mass., May 16.—The Wool market is quite firm, and for all desirable kinds very full prices have been realized during the week. This firmness is wholly in consequence of the small stocks of Wool in manufacturers' and dealers' hands. The market has also been strengthened by the advices from abroad and the firm tone of the California market. Stocks of Wool is now coming forward quite freely, and it is estimated that about 4,000,000 pounds are now on the way to Eastern markets. The demand is good, and the Wool has been sold as fast as received, and in many instances before arrival. Nearly 500,000 pounds have been taken the past week, nearly all Spring clip, at 30c.@37c., and at present prices in California Wool cannot now be placed here at these figures. Ohio and Pennsylvania Fleeces are very firm, 53,000 lbs. selling at 58c.@60c., the latter for XXX Pennsylvania. Stocks are very small, and these figures are likely to be sustained for the present. Pulled Wool having sold during the week at full prices. Quotations are as follows: Ohio and Pennsylvania Medium XXX and XX, 59c.@ 60c.; Michigan, 52½c.; New-York, New-Hampshire, and Western Fleece, 48c.@56c. Combing and Delaine, 55c. @62c.; Scoured, 50c.@1 03. Super and X Pulled, 35c. @55c.; Spring California, 30c.@37c.; Fall California, 28c.@37c.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

COMMISSIONERS OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, May 16.—The following is the Day Calendar of the Commission of Appeals for Monday, May 18: Nos. 114, 134, 137, 138, 139, 142, 144, 147, 148, 138.

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19—Jacoby vs. Johnston et al.	
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SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART II.
Held by Speir, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.	
384—O'Brien vs. Merchants' Dry Dock Company.	
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962—Fisk, Executrix, vs. Liverpool and London Globe Ins. Co.	
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COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART I.
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No. 1156—Quick vs. Tinker.

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MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART II.
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MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART III.
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Nos.	
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MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART IV.
Held by McAdam, J.

Nos.	
2077—Kendall et al. vs. Manee et al.	
4653—Giuna vs. Avenue C Railroad Co.	
4654—Rutherfield vs. Miller et al.	
4668—Arnell vs. Lerdle.	
5101—Schleifstein vs. Rubin.	
5076—Sniffer vs. Adams.	
5060—Hart vs. Borgfeld.	
2409—Morrow vs. Isaacs.	
4302—Quackenbush et al. vs. Donlon.	
3639—Golden vs. Swift.	
4035—Gedney vs. Button.	

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART V.
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Nos.	
4312—Architectural Iron Works vs. Weber.	
4743—Stanbury et al. vs. Nordenschild.	
4749—Hall vs. Carter.	
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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—PART I.
Held by Sutherland, J.

Julius Sarner, perjury.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—PART II.
Held by Hackett, Recorder.

John Dingee and Frank Morris, grand larceny; (two cases).
Wm. Smith, larceny from the person.
Peter Harris and Wm. Thompson, grand larceny.
Frank Donnelly, burglary.
John Hoos, forgery.
Henry S. Hallock, forgery; (two cases.)
Louis Vanderburgh, grand larceny.
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The reports from Arkansas show that the troubles in that State are approaching an end. BROOKS yesterday marched a portion of his troops on board a steam-boat, at Little Rock, to be taken to their homes, and the forces of BAXTER had a dress-parade preparatory to disbandment. The action of the President is having the desired effect, and Little Rock was yesterday, for the first time in a long while, orderly and quiet. It is to be hoped that the efforts which are being made in Washington to investigate the subject may be postponed. If Arkansas is allowed a proper period for the passions which have been engendered by this strife to die out, the inquiry as to whether the State has a republican form of government may be conducted by a committee of the House without danger to the public peace. But just now such a proceeding would be sure to bring on new contentions, and we suspect that Senators CLAYTON and DORSEY, who are said to be urging this action, are fully aware of that fact. The proper thing to do with Arkansas at present is to let it alone.

Civil service reform is likely to become a question of immediate interest in the House of Representatives before long, by the action of the Committee on the Civil Service with reference to an appropriation for the prosecution of the work. This appropriation has been asked for by the President. The amount required is very small—only $25,000 or $50,000; but small as it is, it is absolutely necessary, and it cannot be refused unless Congress has made up its mind to kill the reform outright. If that is the conclusion of Congress, it is a grave mistake in every way. The reform is not by any means so thorough as it might be; but even in its present condition it has won the respect and cordial good-will of a great number of people who wish to see it improved and developed rather than abandoned. If the reform is to perish, we shall take good care that those who are responsible for its destruction are known, and their motives appreciated. The Republican Party is pledged to the reform, and if the pledge is betrayed the party will have a right to hold the authors of the treachery responsible.

A correspondent of one of the London journals complains bitterly of his experience in American securities. He has been a stockholder in Erie, it seems, and we cannot much wonder that he is in a condition to write pitifully to the newspapers. He has also had something to do with "wild-cat mines;" possibly he may have invested in the "Emma," on the strength of assurances that no American citizen can think of without blushing. He shows in his communication that the cases in which foreign investors have really been cheated give a great deal of force to rumors and reports that are wholly false, for he remarks "that the promises to pay of (American) States are invariably repudiated"—a statement almost the exact reverse of the truth. We have here another instance of the disadvantage of being caught in bad company.

Another spasm of virtue has seized the Police. A "raid" has been made, in the fashion sanctioned by long usage, and the keeper of a notorious den has been held to bail to appear for examination—which, we presume, will be the last of this latest and most farcical of the attempts to suppress gambling in this City. But this case, nevertheless, has interest and value to the public, for it is the means of showing that Mr. MATSELL does not know what is going on under his eyes. He expressed great surprise upon being informed that this den was open for business; yet it had been in full and public operation for several weeks. If it takes Mr. MATSELL so long to discover violations of the law, he is manifestly of little use in his present position, and he should give place to some one having greater sagacity or more honesty. There are some doubts whether gambling can ever be wholly suppressed in this City; but if the Police undertake the job at all, they should endeavor not to make themselves ridiculous in the matter. So long as MATSELL is at their head it is quite evident that they can do little else.

It has been hoped that lynching had become obsolete in the Southern States, but one of the most flagrant cases upon record has just occurred at Shreveport, La. Two men, accused of murder, were taken from the jail on Saturday night by a mob of fifty masked men, and hanged in the court-house yard. It was by no means clear that these victims of lawless violence were guilty of the particular crime with which they were charged, but if they were it is plain the manner of their punishment was a disgrace to the community in which it was inflicted. It is also apparent that this disregard of the authority of the law will provoke, rather than hinder, crime in the future. The only way by which its evil effects can be avoided is to punish under the forms of law those who were engaged in the affair.

THE MILL RIVER DISASTER.

Later accounts from the scene of the dreadful calamity in Massachusetts increase rather than diminish its extent. Unhappily, the first reports were not exaggerations, for it is now certain that over one hundred and fifty persons perished in the sudden flood, and that the destruction of property was even greater than was yesterday supposed. On Saturday morning at 8 o'clock the Mill River Valley from the dam to Florence was one of the most prosperous regions in Massachusetts. Peopled by an industrious and thrifty population, numbering over 5,000 souls, it contained hundreds of substantial dwellings and numerous factories, in which all gained subsistence, and where many had achieved competence. To-day this region is the scene of hardly paralleled ruin. Many of its people have been drowned, and a majority of the survivors are beggars. Most of the factories and the greater portion of the dwellings have been swept away, or lie scattered in débris along the valley to mark the devastation caused by the flood. Where lately plenty and happiness were, there are now only want and anguish. This great change, wrought with appalling suddenness in less than an hour, was caused by the breaking away of a dam.

Although there have been numerous disasters due to a similar cause, competent authorities have declared that nothing is easier than to construct a dam which will resist the utmost possible pressure of water. We have been told the Mill River dams were all most substantially constructed, built by skillful engineers in the most approved modern method, and that large amounts of money were expended last year in putting them in what was supposed to be perfect order. Yet one of these dams, being subjected to little more than ordinary pressure, tumbled down like a house of cards, and hurried over 150 people to death, besides destroying property valued at more than $1,000,000. It is quite evident that the dams did not deserve the eulogy they have received. We do not doubt that the owners of these dams thought they were perfectly secure, and supposed they had used all the means in their power to make them so. They were the last persons who would do anything to invite such a calamity as that which overwhelmed Mill River Valley on Saturday morning, for it was certain to beggar most of them if it came. Yet it appears from the accounts which reach us, based upon examinations of the fragments of the broken wall, that it was of most flimsy construction. There was earth-work on each side, but this seems to have been entirely swept away, and nothing can be said of its character. One gentleman familiar with the work declares he never had any confidence in it until lately, when, for some reason, his opinion was changed. It is conceded that there were leaks at the bottom of the dam under the gateway and on both sides of it, but they do not appear to have occasioned any alarm. There are some ugly stories of lack of engineering supervision during the construction of the dam, and of hurried work by the contractor. If all these facts are established by the official investigation, it will be apparent that there has been an almost incredible ignorance or recklessness in Mill River Valley.

But it must be some days before those careful examinations can be made which shall positively determine the cause of this catastrophe, if it can ever be done at all. In the meantime the public should remember that there are thousands of helpless people wandering in the débris of Mill River Valley seeking for their dead. Very few of these people have saved anything from the wreck of their homes, and they need not only sympathy but material aid. Measures should be taken to-day to extend both to them in the full measure to which they are entitled by their great sorrow and sufferings. Let it not be forgotten that this thriving and busy Hampshire Valley has been overtaken by a calamity as sudden and overwhelming as that which devastated Chicago. The destruction is relatively even greater in loss of property, and positively greater in ascertained loss of life. In comparison with it the Avondale disaster becomes a trifling incident. There has not been an occurrence for many years which so strongly appeals for public sympathy, and it will be a reproach to us all if the appeal is not responded to. Let us first of all help those who have been rendered bankrupt in hope and fortune by this awful flood.

THE FINANCE BILL IN THE HOUSE.

The House of Representatives will have an opportunity when the Finance bill, which has passed the Senate, comes up, of showing whether or not it really understands public opinion better than the Senate. It is generally believed that because of the direct election of the members of the House by a popular vote, and because of the fact that its members have been more recently chosen than the greater part of the Senators, it reflects more accurately than the Senate does the sentiment and opinion of the country. If this belief is correct, the House will utterly repudiate the changes made by the inflationists in the Finance bill as reported by Mr. SHERMAN. These changes are not approved by the great majority of the voters of the United States. On the contrary, their purpose is distinctly condemned. This is as well established as if the question had been submitted to a vote. There is no room for doubt concerning it. The reception accorded to the President's Message vetoing the bill lately passed, is conclusive on that point. The bill reported by Mr. SHERMAN was an honest attempt to meet the conditions indicated in the veto message as those to which any financial act must conform in order to win the President's approval. The changes made in Mr. SHERMAN'S bill by the inflationists are opposed to these conditions. Those who sustained the veto must, therefore, condemn the recent action of the inflationists. Those only who condemned the veto can be counted as favoring that action; and it is a well-ascertained fact that the veto was acceptable to a large majority of the whole country.

It will not be disputed that the Eastern and Middle States were almost unanimous in support of the veto. A recent canvass of the journals of the West shows that that section also supports it by a decided majority. The *Tribune* of Chicago recently sent out a circular, asking an opinion of the veto from all the newspapers of nine Western States, as follows: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri. Nine hundred and thirty-three answers were received. Of these 514 were in favor of the veto, only 408 disapproved it, and 11 were non-committal. The supporters of the veto in the West and North-west are to its opponents, therefore, as 5 to 4. This fact, taken in connection with the known opinion of the East, makes it certain that any action opposed to the principles of the veto will be condemned by a majority of the people. For no one will question that in this country, on such a question as that of inflation, the journals, large and small, daily and weekly, taken as a whole, give a substantially accurate representation of public opinion.

Those Congressmen who are flattering themselves that they can form a new party under the inflation flag, would do well to consider the facts we have called to their attention. It is perfectly certain that to form any such party they must break up those now existing. If they persist in doing that, they will leave behind more than they can take away. They will find themselves in a party either made up of a minority from each of the present parties, or of a small minority of Republicans and a bare half of the Democrats. The journals canvassed by the Chicago *Tribune*, when classified according to politics, stood thus: Republican, 297 for the veto, 234 against; Democrats, 217 for, and 174 against. The prospect held out by this analysis to the leaders of a new inflation party is not brilliant. And we beg to warn those who are inclining to follow this wild notion that the prospect will grow worse and worse as time passes. The country has passed the crisis of its struggle with the inflation doctrines. The ultimate triumph of sound money, without any serious intervening reverses, was secured when Gen. GRANT vetoed the Inflation bill passed last month. A complete victory is now only a question of time, and of this fact we trust members of the House of Representatives will see the significance.

EAVESDROPPING EXTRAORDINARY.

We have most of us heard of the old lady who protested against having a telegraph wire hung by her window, because she was kept awake at night by the gossipping messages that were sent over it. The old lady's imagination was a lively one, and she was doubtless sincere in supposing that the *morceaux* of information touching Brown's quarrel with his wife and Smith's outrageous treatment of his mother-in-law, that were borne in upon her mind in the quiet of the night, were veritable reports from the electric messenger. But it seems, according to our Washington dispatches, that the hallucination of the unfortunate old lady has been realized, and that there are gentlemen prowling about the capital to whom the telegraph reveals its actual secrets, who make a somewhat mischievous use of their power of reading a language which to most of the world is an unknown tongue. The matter has been called to the attention of the House of Representatives by Mr. PIERCE, of Massachusetts. This gentleman has been made a victim of the despicable abuse for which he asks the House to provide a remedy. It will be remembered that Mr. PIERCE was prominent in the contest over the nomination of Mr. SIMMONS to be Collector of the Port of Boston, and was recognized (for Mr. DAWES' sake we are sorry to say it) as the leader of the opposition to the confirmation of that remarkable nomination. In the course of the affair Mr. PIERCE had addressed to him numerous dispatches from gentlemen in Boston who fondly supposed that the mighty voice of the respectability of State street could stay the progress of a political job through the United States Senate. Some of these dispatches did not reach Mr. PIERCE as soon as they did another member of the House. They were, it seems, overheard as they were ticked from the little machine in the telegraph office, and their purport made known before they came to Mr. PIERCE at all.

If our readers were to undertake to guess who it was that got these messages before their rightful recipient, we suppose there would not be a great variety in the guesses. There are not many men, we hope, in the House, whose reputation would bring them under such a suspicion. There is one who could hardly escape it, and we need scarcely say that the member against whom Mr. PIERCE'S complaint was really directed was Gen. BUTLER.

And now the United States Congress is engaged in considering how it can keep the private, privileged communications of its members out of the reach of the Paul Prys who are reported to be in Mr. BUTLER'S employ. There is a touch of grim poetic justice in the occasion, when one remembers that not many years since the House of Representatives assumed the power to open the confidential records of the telegraph office to Mr. BUTLER'S oblique but searching vision. It is not the less intolerable to the public, however. The spectacle of the National Legislature inquiring whether by locking up its telegraph operators, or by compelling them to use instruments that require an ear-trumpet to hear their sound, or by some other device, they can maintain the sanctity of telegraphic communication with the capital, is at best not a pleasing one. It does not become more so when we reflect that common report fastens upon the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives the offense that gave rise to the present agitation of the question in Congress.

CIVIL SERVICE IN ENGLAND.

The recent letter of Mr. JOHN BRIGHT to Mr. DORMAN B. EATON in reference to civil service reform will, no doubt, cause many inquiries to be made respecting the nature of the civil service rules as they exist in Great Britain and Ireland. There are many in this country who have but a slight idea of the great change which has, within a recent period, taken place regarding appointments to the civil service in England, and as we are now endeavoring to effect a reform in our own service, it may not be out of place to call attention to a system which, taken as a whole, has worked a wonderful improvement in the management of public affairs in that country and its dependencies. Indeed, previous to the recent reform the English system had this advantage over ours, that under it appointments were of a permanent nature, and no removals took place on a change of Government. To obtain an office the applicant was required to possess Parliamentary influence with the Government of the day, and after having secured the appointment he could not be removed except for gross incompetency or neglect of duty. The Government distributed its patronage among its own supporters, and as there were usually ten applicants for each new appointment, members of Parliament found it no easy matter to please their constituents. Under this system, of course, many incompetent men were appointed, and many of these having influential friends had to be retained in office, although their duties were not performed in anything like an efficient manner. A large number, however, it must be said discharged their respective duties in a creditable style, influenced greatly by a desire to hold the office long enough to be entitled to retire upon a pension. If they were discharged for any neglect of duty they forfeited all right to a retiring allowance, and this made them more careful in the performance of their duties. They were prohibited from interfering directly or indirectly in Parliamentary or municipal elections, and such of them as were qualified to vote were not permitted to exercise the franchise, so that when they became servants of the crown they ceased to be politicians.

This is a brief outline of the condition of the English civil service up to a comparatively recent period. We believe a modification of the rules did not take place until about sixteen or seventeen years ago, when, after a discussion in the House of Commons, a system of competitive examinations was established; but the old power of nomination by members of Parliament and heads of departments was not then abolished. Indeed, the new arrangement gave these gentlemen greater influence. Under the old plan their authority was limited to the number of vacancies which existed, but under the new rules they could nominate any number of candidates, which gave a certain amount of satisfaction to their friends. Frequently ten or more persons competed for a single appointment, and, as the result depended upon their own qualifications, they could not, when unsuccessful, blame any one but themselves. The new system for a while caused a good deal of grumbling, as in many cases it was found that those who had most influence failed in the examination, and, seeing the prize carried off by their more humble competitors, they naturally were not pleased with the result. The competition, however, was confined to a favored class who had sufficient influence to obtain the coveted privilege of a nomination, and this caused much dissatisfaction on the part of the general public. A demand was therefore made to throw the whole civil service open to public competition, and, the modified plan having been found to give the public departments a better class of officials, the nomination system was abolished, and all classes of her Majesty's subjects were given an equal right to compete for public appointments. The only restriction made was that the candidate should produce certificates of good health and character, and be within the prescribed age.

This change went into effect, we believe, in the latter part of the year 1870, and has proved highly successful. Vacancies in public departments are advertised, and candidates are invited to compete for the same on a day and at a place duly announced. Each department, with the concurrence of the Civil Service Commissioners, fixes the programme of examination for its own office. For the higher departments, the programme is such as will secure the services of educated men, and for departments where high literary or scientific knowledge is not considered necessary, the programme of examination is such as is considered best suited to the nature of the duties to be performed. The only objection of any force made against the competitive system is that it encourages "cramming," and that some of the men who have passed the examinations were not found suited for their respective duties. This is admitted, but it is also admitted that the new plan has, on the whole, given general satisfaction, and put a stop to official patronage, which was found so demoralizing to the country.

We have given the outlines of the English system of civil service, but there is one point worth mentioning, and that is, that under a recent statute civil servants, if they possess the franchise, are allowed to vote, but they are not permitted to canvass or to take any active part in an election of any description. We believe that any system of civil service which should put an end to patronage would be beneficial to this country, and we hope the time will come when a man's politics shall be ignored in public appointments, and when the only tests shall be competency and honesty.

THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY.

Some observations which we made early in the year on the Mercantile Library, although objected to by one of the officers of the institution, appear, according to the current comment of the press, to have been confirmed by the observations of others. Our comments, it may be remembered, bore especial reference to the condition of the reading-room, and they are as correct now as they were then. The chairs are few in number and fraught with danger to those who are disposed to sit upon them; parts of the room are miserably dark; the clock has a chronic tendency to stop; the tattered matting invites stumbles; and this is the condition of the chief establishment of its kind in the second commercial city of the world, of an institution which has 10,798 names on its books, and an income of $60,000 a year! The truth is, that the primary object of this institution has in the lapse of time been lost sight of. Originally established fifty years ago in Cliff street, with the view of affording a pleasant resort for young clerks, whose employers hoped that it would tend to keep them out of undesirable haunts, and lead them to acquire useful knowledge, it soon proved a success, and within four years had accumulated four thousand volumes. But as time went on it was thought desirable to open the library to all classes by the payment of a larger sum. No objection existed to such a step, which ought to have had the effect of securing a much better establishment than the clerks could otherwise have commanded had the original object been kept steadily in view. The result has been quite the contrary. The library has become under present management everything; the reading-room is nothing. The former is now simply the great circulating library of the City. Here is collected one of the largest stocks of novels in the world, and here, at all hours of the day, may be found the young girls of the period consulting the large body of youthful clerks, whose business it appears to be not merely to serve out the books, but to devote a not inconsiderable portion of their time to advising many very tiresome fair inquirers as to the contents of the volumes, and to comparing the relative merits of the last effusions of "Ouida" and Miss BRADDON.

Now it is plain that to provide novels for young ladies, and to devote the principal part of the funds of the institution and the time of its officers to this object, ought not to be the chief end of this institution. The merchants' clerks, their comfort and advantage, were, and should remain, the prime object. As a guide-book published in 1828 very properly remarks in reference to this association, "No better institution could have been devised for the improvement of the mind and morals of the numerous class of young gentlemen that frequent this library and reading-room;" and it adds, "its effects have already been highly favorable." It seems a serious reflection on the management that after fifty years such an institution should be far inferior to its sisters in various parts of the country. Brooklyn has an admirable reading-room, so have St. Louis, Philadelphia, and a dozen other places, but the New-York Mercantile Library, with its $60,000 a year, lags behind. No improvements whatever seem to have been initiated by the present officers, although several very feasible suggestions have been made. The reader still sits at the reading-desk, the victim of innumerable discomforts, clutching his umbrella, and disturbed by fears that his cranky seat may bring him to the ground. The election of officers takes place on Tuesday next, the 19th, and stockholders and others will do well to give the condition of affairs some consideration.

FOREST FIRES.

The forest fire-season usually begins at the end of April, and continues through Summer. This year, in spite of the heavy rain-falls, it began in March. On the 28th of that month, sparks from a locomotive on the Long Island Railroad set fire to the large forest in the vicinity of Farmingdale. Before the flames could be subdued, some five hundred acres were burned over, and the property of farmers destroyed to the amount of $150,000. But it was only within the past few days that the "season" began in earnest. In Minnesota, Michigan, New-York, and Canada, fires have broken out simultaneously, and have raged with more or less fury. It is a peculiarity of forest fires that they seem to be always unexpected, notwithstanding the fact that they occur nearly every year. In 1872 they prevailed to such an extent in New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, and caused so much suffering, that it was supposed the people residing close to them would profit by their experience in future emergencies. In the year referred to, the mountains in Sullivan, Broome, Ulster, and Delaware Counties, in this State, were like so many volcanoes in eruption. Streams of fire flowed upon the houses beneath, and sent the occupants flying for their lives. Some of the scenes which resulted were of the most terrible nature. Tobyhanna, Penn., was surrounded with fire. It was only by the merest good luck that the inhabitants, to the number of three or four hundred, escaped with their lives. On the Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad, the woods at both sides of the track were at one time a mass of flame for thirty-two miles. The Erie Railway track was hemmed in for some distance in the same way, and the hazardous experiments were often successfully tried of running trains of cars through. Lumber camps were abandoned, and cattle turned loose to escape as best they could. At Malden, Mass., several hundred acres of woods were burned over, and the town narrowly escaped sharing the same fate.

The South Mountain, Penn., forest was destroyed by sparks from the Pine Grove furnaces, and most of the other fires originated from the sparks of burning brushwood. With the beginning of the hot weather of 1873, came the news that forest fires were raging in New-York, Michigan, Massachusetts, Virginia, Canada, and Nova Scotia. The astonishment of the people residing in the vicinity of the fires was as great as ever, while the preparations for subduing the flames were very little improved. At Michigammi City, the residents were so paralyzed with fear that eight of them were burned to death where they stood. The remainder crawled to Lake Superior, and took refuge in its waters, while their homes were being reduced to ashes. Eight miles of the Plymouth, Mass., woods were destroyed about the same time. The fires to the north and north-east of Toronto, Canada, were caused by sparks from burning brush. The fires elsewhere originated in much the same manner as in 1872. In presence of these facts, we can only arrive at one conclusion, and that is that the lessons of past years have borne no fruit. The residents of thickly-wooded districts, once the danger passes, have been accustomed to think no more about it. Instead of establishing associations for mutual help in time of need, they go on hugging the delusion that they have seen the last of forest fires. If a judicious system of clearing spaces of sufficient width every year were to be generally adopted, there would be a reasonable certainty of stopping the onward march of flame before a great deal of damage could be done. Had such a plan as this been employed prior to 1872, property valued at from $3,000,000 to $5,000,000 would have been saved.

AMUSEMENTS.

LAST EVENING'S CONCERT.

Mlle. Torriani gave a concert at Steinway Hall last evening. Mlle. Torriani is a clever and industrious young artist, whose misfortune it is that she does not know her place in public opinion. To the lady's desire to appear in an entertainment bearing her name we have, of course, nothing to say, but we will surely be allowed to wonder that she should have chosen for performance pieces which have been executed time and again, and very recently, too, by her betters. We have had Mme. Nilsson as *Elsa*, Mme. Nilsson in the "Ave Maria," and Mmes. Nilsson and Lucca in the duet "Quis est homo," from "Stabat Mater," and it certainly seemed strange that the three numbers should have been pitched upon by Mlle. Torriani for recital by herself at her first and only concert. The result proved that it was, at all events, unlucky, for we shall continue to remember Mme. Nilsson's and Mme. Lucca's singing of these pieces, and shall be glad to forget—for Mlle. Torriani can do worthier things—their later interpretation by the German songstress. The music from "Lohengrin," which embraced the concerted introduction to the prayer as well as the prayer itself, was literally butchered. Mlle. Torriani sang nicely the grand scene from "Der Freyschütz," the single composition in the selection of which overvaulting ambition was not apparent, and she had to repeat the final allegro. The features of interest of the affair were the violin-playing of M. Wieniawski, whose delivery of the andante and finale of the Mendelssohn concerto is far above any reading of that work to be enjoyed at other hands, here or in Europe; an admirable rendering of the andante from "the" Henselt concerto, by Mr. Pattison, with whom the whole of that gigantic *opus* is a specialty; the first hearing, through the medium of Signor Arrighotti, a very impassioned tenor, of an expressive and musician-like setting, by M. Rembelinski, of Hugo's "A une femme"—"Si j'étais roi," &c.—which, by the way, was redemanded; and a romance, in German, by Mme. Clara Perl, whose fine contralto voice is too seldom heard in public.

BRIEF NOTES.

Mr. McCullough acts in "Hamlet" at Booth's Theatre, this evening. The last performance of "Divorce" may be attended at the Fifth Avenue Theatre to-night. At Wood's Museum Mr. Aldrich appears day and night; by gaslight. "Justice" will be the play. The Bowery promises a new drama called "Cast Upon the World." At Association Hall, a reading by Prof. Lyman may be attended.

A CHECK TO LISTENERS.

THE TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENTS IN THE CAPITOL TO BE ISOLATED—PEOPLE WHO GET DISPATCHES NOT INTENDED FOR THEM.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—On the 23d of March last, on motion of Mr. Pierce, of Boston, the House passed a resolution "directing the architect of the Capitol to cause the telegraph instruments located in the corridors of the south wing of the Capitol to be so isolated that it shall be impossible for any unauthorized person to hear and obtain messages," &c. Mr. Edward Clark, in a letter to Speaker Blaine, relates the difficulties in the way of accomplishing this object, and recommends that the instruments be muffled in the manner recommended by Superintendent Smith, of the Franklin Company. The recommendation of Mr. Smith is as follows: "My own idea of the best way to accomplish what seems to be required, would be to inclose the office with suitable surroundings, corresponding nearly to that of the present office of the Western Union Company, then to place in the office a silent instrument, comparatively; that is, an instrument requiring an ear-trumpet leading from the instrument to the operator's ear, similar to a description of instrument used at one time by competing companies when the Western Union controlled the Morse patents. Mr. Knapp is familiar with them, and can describe them fully to you. Also to place around the hand of the operator a screen, so that the motion of his hand when transmitting cannot be observed by persons looking into the office. This would seem to me preferable to any attempt to place the operator in a secluded room, as he might in such case allow people inside his office unobserved; whereas, situated in the corridor, the office is so public that an operator will not dare to do such a thing, as it would be too readily observed."

Mr. Leonord Whitney, the manager of the Western Union office here, writes to Mr. Clark, proposing another plan for accomplishing the object. He says: "I note your suggestion that the sound of the instruments be muffled, but I do not think it would accomplish the object. A more satisfactory arrangement, I think, is to dispense entirely with the sounder, which has been done in our public office, leaving the operator only his relay to read from, which reduces the sound to the minimum necessary for his own ear. I think you will agree with me that this will effectually secure the object." The efforts to seclude the telegraph operators in the Capitol building have their origin, for the most part, in the controversy over the confirmation of Simmons to be Collector at Boston. At one time during that controversy it appears that dispatches sent from Boston merchants to Representative Pierce, fell into Butler's hands before Mr. Pierce received them. It has been explained that this was the fault of the telegraph company, in misdirecting envelopes. But it was commonly reported that persons who had been telegraph operators, but were not then in that business, listened to the instruments in the corridors, and reported the result to Gen. Butler. There was a notable, and better authenticated, case of listening to the telegraph a year or two ago, or, indeed, there were many instances. There was at that time a correspondent of a Boston evening paper who had been an expert telegrapher, and it was a matter of notoriety about which there was not a little personal unpleasantness that he often saved himself from the trouble of news-gathering by listening to dispatches of other correspondents as they were sent over the wires, and thus making use of the information thus gained.

CHARLESTON SAILING AND ROWING REGATTA.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 17.—The annual Charleston sailing and rowing Regatta, which has been in progress for three days, closed last night, with a grand banquet. The race of four-oared shells excited great interest. Picked crews from Macon and Savannah participating. The race was won by the Charleston crew of Gleadenen. A liberal prize is being made up to match Charleston against the world in a four-oared shell race, the offer to remain open for one year. One gentleman has subscribed $500.

FINE ARTS.

MR. MORAN'S NEW PICTURE—ACADEMY OF DESIGN—NOTES.

Mr. Thomas Moran's large picture of "The Chasm of the Colorado"—a companion work to his "Cañon of the Yellowstone," now in the Capitol at Washington—has been on view at the Goupil Gallery for some days past. Although considered by the artist as companion works, the views given in the two pictures lie at least a thousand miles apart, and they can only, therefore, be considered as companions from the fact that they both depict some of the wildest, grandest, and least-known of our Western mountain scenery. In "The Chasm of the Colorado," the sketch was taken from the Ki-Bab Plateau, sixty miles south of the Utah line, and gives rather a view of the surrounding country than of the chasm itself. Mr. Moran, as we are informed, accompanied Major Powell, the explorer, to this spot for the purpose of obtaining materials for his picture, and, after much deliberation, chose the point of view from the platform in question. In the foreground rise two lofty peaks. At their foot the chasm commences, and winds backward toward the centre of the picture, where an afternoon hail-storm, with its dark, ragged clouds, is just clearing up, and a brilliant rainbow is seen with its foot resting on the edge of the chasm. On the right is an expanse of blue sky, flecked with white clouds. The height and depth of many of the peaks and chasms of this region, as we are told by the explorers, are measured by hundreds of feet, in some cases by thousands, yet it is difficult for the most enthusiastic admirer of Mr. Moran's works, even if gifted with the most ardent imagination, to realize this fact by an inspection of his picture. In fact, the painting does not impress us in the remotest degree with the idea that we are looking on some of nature's grandest and noblest works, nor even that we have before us hundreds of square miles of country. It rather gives us the belief that we are looking through a rocky pass of limited dimensions. It is true that we have been told in explanation of this apparent shortcoming on the part of the artist, that the atmosphere of these regions is so pellucid and rarified that heights of 500 feet look to be but seventy or eighty, and that a mountain, distant fifty miles, appears as if it could be reached in a morning's walk. Further, that amid these arid regions grow no trees or shrubs, by which the heights of the surrounding peaks can be compared. All this, though true enough, must be taken for what it is worth. It is for the artist to discover some means by which the comparative height of his peaks and the depth of his chasms will become so apparent as to impress the beholder with the natural grandeur of the scene depicted. This Mr. Moran has failed to do, and consequently he has failed in producing a true work of art. The technical merits of the composition are sufficiently good, though it may be doubted whether the Chasm of the Colorado ever displays such brilliant tints as are to be found on the artist's canvas.

UNION LEAGUE CLUB EXHIBITION.

At the May meeting of the Union League Club a collection of water-color paintings was exhibited, most of which have not been on view before. There are seventy-four in all, and among the most notable are "By the River," by A. F. Bellows; "Sentinel Rock" and "A Bit in Berkshire County," by James D. Smillie; "The White Washer" and "Churning Day," by T. W. Wood, whose single figures are much better than his groups; two small works by Gilbert Burling, quiet and unpretentious, and several studies in crayon by Prof. Schirmer, one of the founders of the Dusseldorf school, conscientious works, though not strikingly good. The collection will remain on view until the 29th inst.

ACADEMY OF DESIGN.

The exhibition of drawings by the pupils of the academy schools, presided over by Prof. Wilmarth, was opened on the 14th inst. All the drawings are in crayon, from plaster casts. Among so many works, it is a difficult matter to decide on their respective merits, and, indeed, in many cases, they are so nearly equal that the committee having in charge the distribution of the Awards of Merit will, we fancy, have a very onerous task to perform. From a cursory view of the works exhibited, it struck us that among the best were those by Misses Palmer, Lowndes, Phelps, Samuels, Fairchild, and Mrs. Hall. Among their male competitors, prizes, we think, must be awarded to Messrs. Harnett, White, Russell, Wolcott, Von Reich, Staunton, Bragger, Dolan, and Boston.

The Academy has elected Worthington Wittredge President; Eastman Johnson, Vice President; Alfred Jones, Recording Secretary, and E. B. R. Greene, Treasurer. The following were proposed for Academicians: Messrs. H. Wolcott and wife, John B. Bristol, Charles C. Coleman, Homer D. Martin, James D. Smillie, L. G. Sellstedt, Louis C. Tiffany, A. Wordsworth Thompson, W. Magrath, Eugene Benson, Charles H. Miller, A. C. Howland, R. Swain Gifford, J. O. Eaton, B. F. Reinhart, Charles Calverley, John L. Fitch, and John A. Parker.

The sales of pictures at the Academy since the opening of the Spring exhibition amount to $30,000. This is a much larger amount than ever before sold.

NOTES.

A Boston paper says: "A Boston auctioneer is calmly advertising in the daily papers:

'The fine original picture by Paul Veronese, the "Marriage at Cana;" the "Dead Christ," by Correggio; "Holy Family," by Titian; others by Marratti, Bergham, Paul Briel, and others of the old masters.'

in a sale of ancient and modern oil-paintings.

Can it be possible that any daring Yankee has been robbing the great European galleries, or have foreign Governments taken to raising money to pay off their national debts by selling the masterpieces of the old masters in their possession?"

Some fine new engravings, with photographs of several of Eastman Johnson's best works, "The Wounded Drummer Boy," "The Lullaby," and others, have lately been added to Mr. Schaus' gallery, together with several new pictures by Beaufain Irving.

THE CASE OF GEN. WEBB.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Gen. Webb, who is in Europe, has been telegraphed to, and will probably return home immediately. His sons, who believe in the existence of the instructions from the State Department in regard to the settlement of the matter referred to in Congress on Saturday, leave the future discussion of this question until his return, with the assurance to the friends of James Watson Webb that they will be well satisfied with the exposition he will be able to make of what is most certainly the result of willful suppression of dispatches or a slanderous personal attack.

ALEXANDER STEWART WEBB.

NEW-YORK, May 17.

FOREIGN NOTES.

The following newspapers are represented by one or more of their proprietors in the English Parliament: The *Times*, *Circle*, *Examiner*, *Daily News*, *Saturday Review*, Newcastle *Chronicle*, Leeds *Evening Express*, and the Dublin *Advertiser*.

The Westminster *Gazette* announces that it has authority for stating that Don Carlos, now that he has formed a regular Government, with a Minister for Foreign Affairs, intends to send a Spaniard of rank and position to represent his interests at the Court of St. James. It has reason to believe that such a representative would be received by the English Government, and placed, at least, on the same footing as that now accorded to the Minister of the unrecognized Republic

WASHINGTON.

THE SENATE FINANCE BILL IN THE HOUSE.

NO CHANCE OF THE BILL RECEIVING THE PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL IN ITS PRESENT FORM—PROBABLE ACTION OF THE HOUSE ON IT.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The Finance bill as passed by the Senate can by no chance receive the approval of the President, and this fact is pretty generally known. The House will, therefore, hardly act upon it with any other view than to so amend it that the President can append his signature. Probably if the bill could be brought before the House just as it stands for a direct vote it might be concurred in, but, fortunately, the matter is so much in the control of a few sensible men that rash and hasty action is not to be expected. The House will have an opportunity to act with consideration and judgment. Probably nothing at all will be done with the bill to-morrow except, perhaps, to take it from the Speaker's table and refer it to the Banking and Currency Committee, with leave to report at any time. The important amendments which must be made will restore the rate of interest on the redemption bond to five per cent., and raise the ratio of greenback retirement to forty or fifty per cent. Some other amendments of less importance, designed to improve the bill, may be attempted. With such amendments made in the House, the Senate will be more likely to agree than when the same propositions came up as original questions presented by its own committee. Very many hard money men would personally prefer that no legislation should succeed rather than to have even the bill reported from the Senate Committee pass, but in a spirit of concession to the judgment and desires of other men which has not characterized the inflation members of the Senate, they are willing to yield enough to vote for the measure as it was first presented. The Banking and Currency Committee will have a meeting for general consideration of the financial question to-morrow.

ORDER OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE TO-DAY—AN EXTENDED DISCUSSION PROBABLE.

There is a prospect of a very extended discussion on Monday as to what bill the Senate shall take up. Mr. Edmunds gave notice on Friday that Mr. Frelinghuysen, who has charge of the Civil Rights bill, would ask its consideration on Monday. Mr. Clayton gave notice that he would call up his resolution for an investigation into the Arkansas troubles, submitted on Tuesday last, and Mr. Morrill, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, reported back the Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Appropriation bill, with the notice that he would ask action upon it Monday. The other appropriation bills are coming over from the House rapidly, and it is necessary for the Senate to take up the Legislative bill as soon as possible in order to keep up.

ANOTHER BOSTON LAWYER TO BE EXAMINED IN THE SANBORN MATTER.

Mr. Dickinson, another Boston lawyer, will be examined to-morrow by the Committee on Ways and Means in the Sanborn matter. Dickinson is supposed to have had some legal relations both to Mr. Sanborn and to Prescott, another counsel of Sanborn. A subpœna has been out for sometime for Dickinson. It is expected that Prescott will to-morrow inform the committee that he declines to make answer to their questions propounded to him on Saturday on the ground that by so doing he would violate the confidence which he thinks the relation of counsel and client should protect. The committee have already excused two or three witnesses from answering questions, but it is not improbable that some members of the committee may desire to recommend measures to compel Prescott to testify. It seems that the statement that Prescott has evaded service is incorrect. The member of the committee who caused the subpœna to be served upon him states that he is advised that Prescott did not avoid service, and that he has been in the city at different times during this investigation without concealing it. The question of the right of Prescott to withhold his information is a delicate one, and is, in many respects, similar to the question raised in connection with the recusant witness, Stewart, who refused to testify before the Credit Mobilier Committee No. 2 last Winter. In that case the House took action, produced Stewart before the bar of the House, permitted him to plead his own case in person, and then remanded him to the custody of the Sergeant at Arms for contempt, where he remained until the expiration of the term of Congress. It is probable that the debate on the Sanborn matter will come up the latter part of this week.

THE CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The House Committee on Civil Service meet this week to consider the message of the President upon the civil service with respect to recommending an appropriation in the Miscellaneous Appropriation bill for the further support of the Civil Service Commission. It is known that the committee are much divided upon this subject, and it is claimed by the opponents of civil service that there is a majority of the committee against such an appropriation.

THE MORMON QUESTION IN THE HOUSE.

The Mormon question is coming forward very prominently in the House in consequence of the action that will be asked on Judge Poland's Jury bill, and the investigation into the rights of the House to expel Elder Cannon for the practice of polygamy. It is now uncertain whether this case will be rested on the testimony already before the committee or whether the whole subject will be taken up *de novo*. There is a very strong feeling in the House against being forced into the position of giving a sort of direct Government recognition of the fact that polygamy is a crime beyond the power of the United States to punish.

ECONOMY OF THE HOUSE.

In the discussion of the Deficiency bill, the estimate of $30,000 for furniture and repairs and carpets for buildings under the control of the Treasury Department was cut down to $10,000. In the debate upon this amendment Representatives Kasson and Willard, of Vermont, made very decided speeches in favor of economy. The Government officials, however, state that these ideas of economy are very crude, and that under the appropriations which the House seems disposed to allow for such purposes, the Treasury buildings in Washington could not be supplied with carpets more than once in twelve years, to say nothing of the numerous public buildings scattered over the country for which the department has to provide.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD NOTICE.

The Light-house Board gives notice that on and after June 30, a light will be shown from the light-house recently erected at the east end of Horn Island and the Gulf of Mexico; also that on and after June 1, a fixed white light will be shown from the light-house recently erected at Duluth, Minn.

SIGNAL OFFICE REPORTS ON THE RIVER.

The Signal Office reports that during the past twenty-four hours the Mississippi has remained unchanged at St. Paul, Dubuque, and Davenport, fallen one inch at La Crosse and Keokuk, risen eleven inches at Warsaw, and fallen from St. Louis to New-Orleans; the greatest fall being thirty-four inches at Cairo. The Missouri has remained stationary at Yankton, St. Joseph, and Leavenworth, risen from Omaha to Plattsmouth, and Kansas City, and fallen from Lexington to its mouth. The Ohio has fallen at all reporting stations, the greatest fall being one foot at Cincinnati. The Red River has fallen six inches at Shreveport; the Cumberland eight inches at Nashville, and the Allegheny and Monongahela have continued falling steadily. During the same period rain has fallen in the water sheds of the following-named rivers: In the Mississippi, 6-100 of an inch at La Crosse, 16-100 at Davenport, and 1-100 at Keokuk; in the Missouri, 9-100 at Omaha and 35-100 at Leavenworth; in the Ohio, 2-100 at Louisville.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY.

The fifty-eighth anniversary of the American Bible Society was held in the hall of the House of Representatives to-night. It was largely attended. Addresses were made by the President, Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Allen, of Pennsylvania; Rev. Alexander McLean, of New-York; Representative Maynard, of Tennessee, and Prof. Julius H. Steele, of Massachusetts. It appears by the Secretary's report that the receipts for the year were $664,436, including $333,238 for publications, $171,284 from legacies, $115,713 from donations, and the remainder of the sum from other sources. The payments were, $611,728; volumes issued, 990,572, including 632,070 from the Bible House in about forty languages, and 158,502 abroad. The entire number of volumes issued during fifty-eight years is 30,972,786. The gratuitous work for the year amounted in value to $340,644. The number of families visited during the last eight years is 4,526,145. The number of families found destitute of the Bible is 450,623; destitute families supplied, 323,557; destitute individuals supplied in addition, 267,168; Sabbath and other schools supplied, 11,159.

CLAIMS FOR WAR PREMIUMS AND THE GENEVA AWARD.

The Secretary of State has, at the request of Gen. Butler, the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, furnished him with a list of claims for war premiums filed subsequent to May 15, 1872. The department is not able to give the name of the company in which the vessel or merchandise was insured, but whenever it appears it is placed in the list, which contains all the information upon the subject which the department has in its possession. The statement was to aid the committee in the consideration of the bill for the distribution of the Geneva award. It appears that Archer & Bull filed 55 claims; Edward Kimball, 9; Charles W. Miller, 62; George Savoy & Co., 43; Naylor & Co., by Schlesinger, 453; F. A. Hirsch, 9; Foster, Pierce & Co., 119; Chapman & Flint, 14; Hon. Edward O'Brien, 15; Willetts & Co., 102; H. D. & J. W. Brookman, 1; Jacob McClellan, 3; James Butter, 7; Samuel Watts, 61; L. P. Gilchrist, by Samuel Watts, administrator, 5; Holmes, Goodwin & Co., 147. The amounts vary from $1 75 to $1,678, though the amounts generally are seldom over $300.

FRANCE.

EARLY DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY CONSIDERED INEVITABLE.

LONDON, May 18.—The *Times* and other morning papers say the impression that the early dissolution of the French Assembly is inevitable, hourly gathers strength.

LYNCHING.

THE ALLEGED MURDERERS OF ELLIOTT, IN LOUISIANA, TAKEN FROM JAIL AND HANGED.

SHREVEPORT, La., May 17.—Among the parties arrested for the murder of the young Tennessean, Elliott, were C. T. Jones and Oliver Hill, formerly proprietor of the saloon where the murder occurred. The latter, a gambler, was present at the time. On Thursday night Jones was taken from the jail by a mob, but at the intercession of numerous citizens was returned to the authorities to undergo a preliminary examination. The trial began on Friday, and from the facts elicited it was evident that the Elliott brothers had been enticed into Jones' place for the purpose of robbery by means of whisky and cards. The examination was resumed on Saturday, when it was discovered that the brother of the murdered man, and the principal witness for the State, was missing. It is supposed he had been put out of the way by friends of the prisoners, and that the prosecution would fail. At 12 o'clock last night a party of fifty masked and armed men attacked the jail, removed Jones and Hill, and hanged them to trees in the Court-house yard. Jones was formerly of Hillsboro', Texas, and had murdered two persons since he came here. Hill was a native of Galesburg, Ill., and was recently connected with Alder's circus. During the excitement fourteen prisoners escaped from the jail.

THE TRANSIT OF VENUS.

THE GOVERNMENT PREPARATIONS FOR ITS OBSERVANCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—The preparations at the Naval Observatory in this city for fitting out the parties to observe the transit of Venus in December next, are in active progress, and five of the eight parties will leave on the first of June for their destinations. The first will be in charge of Prof. Peters, of Clinton College, New-York, and will be stationed at New-Zealand, in the Southern Pacific. The second, in charge of Capt. Ryan, of the navy, and stationed on Kerguelan's Island, in the Indian Ocean. The third, in charge of Capt. Raymond, of the army, and stationed upon the Crozet Islands, in the same ocean. The fourth, in charge of Prof. Harkness, of the Naval Observatory, and stationed at Hobart Town, Tasmania. And the fifth, in charge of Prof. Smith, of the Coast Survey, and stationed at Chatham Island, in the South Pacific.

Of the other three parties, the first will be in charge of Prof. Hall, of the Naval Observatory, and stationed at Wladiwostok, Siberia; the second in charge of Prof. Watson, of Ann Arbor, Mich., and stationed at Pekin; the third in charge of Prof. Davidson, of the Coast Survey, and stationed at Yokohama. Each party will consist of five persons, including the astronomer in charge. The five parties first named will sail from New-York on the United States steamer Swatara, and the three other parties will leave here on the 1st of July for California overland, then by mail steamer to Japan, where the United States steamer Lackawanna will take them aboard and convey them to the points named. Each party will take out three portable houses, besides a very large assortment of astronomical and photographic instruments, and a full supply of tools of every description for the erection of temporary observatories, &c.

The five parties which are to be located south of the equator will be absent about eighteen months or two years, and the others will be absent about ten or twelve months. All the members of each party are here now with the exception of Prof. Watson, and daily experiments are made with the instruments at the Observatory. Next week there will be a thorough inspection of the instruments and supplies for the expeditions by the commission having charge of the subject.

MEETING OF BISHOPS OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION—NAMES OF THOSE PRESENT AND ABSENT—THE BUSINESS TO BE DONE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 17.—The semi-annual meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Bishops of the United States will be held in this city, commencing to-morrow. The following Bishops have arrived: Simpson, of Pennsylvania; Janes, of New-York; Scott, of Delaware; Ames, of Maryland; Bowman, of Missouri; Foster, of Ohio; Morrill, of Minnesota; Andrews, of Iowa; Peck, of California, and Haven, of Georgia. The absentees are Morris, of Ohio, infirm; Wiley, of Illinois, sick, and Harris, of Illinois, who is in Europe. The business that will be brought before the body will be of interest to the entire Methodist Episcopal Church, the principal part of which will be the assignment of Bishops to preside over the various Conference Districts of the United States; to receive communications and act upon them, and render decisions upon questions of ecclesiastical law. To-day the various Method'st pulpits in this city were filled by the visiting bishops, and in the afternoon a grand Sunday-school reunion was held in the Town Street Methodist Church, and several bishops addressed some 800 Sunday-school children.

THE MINERS' STRIKE.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 17.—The proposed conference for yesterday at Straitsville between the miners and operators was not held, owing to want of harmony between the parties. The operators desired a mass-meeting of miners, operators, and citizens, at which all differences could be fully considered. The miners opposed this plan, and appointed a committee to represent them. The operators refused to accede to this plan, and the strike still continues.

ARKANSAS.

THE ARKANSAS CONFLICT IN CONGRESS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The Arkansas conflict is now to be transferred to Congress, and strong efforts will be made to have a commission or committee to investigate the political condition of the State in order to discover whether it has a Republican form of Government. According to Mr. Wilshire, who is regarded here universally as the best man in the Arkansas delegation, that State is now for the first time since the war in the condition where the next election that takes place may be decided by the voice of the people instead of the edict of a ring of politicians.

HOUSES OF PROMINENT PARTISANS OF BROOKS UNDER GUARD—DEPARTURE OF BROOKS' COMMAND.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 17.—Under orders from Gov. Baxter's head-quarters the houses of Chief Justice McClure, Attorney General Youley, Gen. Upham, and several other prominent Brooksites were guarded last night to prevent any attempts at capture or any violence from the more lawless of the command. The guards report that they were taken in and well cared for by the ladies, as in most cases the gentlemen were at the State-house.

The regulars patrolling the city captured a small number of men. It is supposed that they were acting in some way in violation of the agreement made by both parties yesterday. They were released this morning. Some negroes were taken in by them today. Baxter's command, by order of Major Gen. Churchill, held a dress-parade this afternoon. The soldiers made a good appearance. There was much cheering, and a salute was given. The city is quiet and orderly. Gen. Brooks' command marched on board the steamer Robert Semple and left for Fort Smith to-day, under the agreement made yesterday.

GOV. BAXTER'S CONGRATULATORY ORDER TO HIS TROOPS.

Gov. Baxter, of Arkansas, issued the following congratulatory order to the State Militia on Friday afternoon last:

Officers and Soldiers of the State of Arkansas:

Inspired by true patriotism, you have responded to my call to resist and put down by arms the most inexcusable and reckless attempt to usurp the Government of this State that ever disgraced our country. Regardless of your individual interests, and of everything but the public good, you came to the support of civil liberty, in the face of great and perplexing difficulties. You have stood manfully at your posts, your patience and discipline have only been equaled by your courage, you are restrained by your respect for law and peace from making war upon the Federal soldiers who stood persistently between you and the insurgent force in the Capitol. Upon every occasion, when you have been able to meet the public enemies, you have been victorious, and forced them to seek protection behind the Federal guns. At length your valor and patriotism are rewarded by the proclamation received from Washington. As citizens and soldiers of Arkansas, I congratulate you. You will see to it for the future that as by your promptness, vigilance, and good conduct in this city, the rights of the citizens of our State have been rescued from a vile ring of tyrants and thieves, so in the future they shall be preserved and handed down unsullied to our posterity. Henceforth let Arkansas be the home of a free people, who knew their rights and dared to maintain them. Finally, let us together give thanks to the great God of armies, who has blessed our cause. Let us remember with gratitude the great citizen soldier, the President of the United States, who has at length recognized the justice of our cause, and as your conduct has been thus far marked in a most extraordinary degree by order, sobriety, and discipline, let me, our friends, the people, have any cause to censure you for any disorder or riotous conduct in the moment of victory.

The Commanding General will see that this order is read at the head of each company at retreat this evening.

Governor of Arkansas and Commander in Chief.
M. McCLARAN, Adjutant General.

THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

FORTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION—THE YEARLY REPORT—ADDRESSES BY PROF. NORTHRUP AND OTHERS.

The forty-ninth anniversary of the American Tract Society was celebrated last evening at the Broadway Tabernacle Church, Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Tyng presiding. The church was crowded to its fullest capacity. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. S. Kennard, after which Dr. Tyng delivered a brief address, reviewing the past labors of the society and pointing out the necessity for pushing forward the work of evangelization with increased zeal. He referred to the great influence which the publications issued by the society had exercised among the Christian people of this country, and its great efficiency in counteracting the evils of the flood of infidel literature which of late years had been largely on the increase. Forty-nine years of union, of determination, of unceasing confidence and mutual trust among the various Christian denominations co-operating in the great work in which the society was engaged, had been productive of the most beneficial results, and they were prepared to enter upon another year, upon a century of years, devoted to the same noble cause.

Mr. Rand was then introduced to read the annual statement, which showed that the number of new publications issued from the Tract House during the year was 173, among which were some valuable works on the evidences of Christianity by the German theologians Christlieb and Luthardt. There were issued seven new volumes in German, two in Spanish, and one in Portuguese. The society is now publishing regularly six periodicals. The four monthlies had an aggregate circulation during the past year of 500,000 each month. The success of the various weekly newspapers issued by the society is also referred to. The value of publications gratuitously circulated through pastors, missionaries, superintendents of Sabbath-schools, and by members of the Young Men's Christian Association was $45,561. During the year 234 colporteurs labored in thirty-six States and Territories and in the British Provinces. They held 6,810 religious meetings, made 201,965 family visits, and prayed with 140,594 families. They found 31,355 Protestant families who habitually neglected attending evangelical preaching. During the thirty-three years the missionary colportage has been operating, 10,333,527 volumes were sold, 2,750,810 volumes were granted. The number of Roman Catholic families found destitute of all religious books except the Bible during the past year, was 15,300. Foreign grants were made during the last twelve months to the missions in North China, Northern India, West Africa, Turkey, Italy, France, Spain, and other European countries, in cash and publications, to the value of $11,153. The total receipts for the year were $146,801; the amount of sales $391,013, making the fund, with the balance in the treasury, $552,391. The total amount expended was $551,545, leaving a balance of $845.

Prof. Cyrus Northrup, New-Haven, Conn., next addressed the meeting upon the literature of the present age. After giving, first, a sketch of the life and labors of the Savior, he proceeded to show what the Church which succeeded him had to accomplish. The greatest work in which the Christians of the present age could be engaged was in endeavoring to counteract the effects of the unwholesome literature so widely circulated, and which blasts every true and noble purpose. So long as some of our most celebrated thinkers shut out the idea of God, so long there was need of a Christian literature. If the Church of God allowed it to be a settled question that God would not answer prayer, we needed an association like the American Tract Society to gather the works of other men who have met the opinions of these infidels and exposed their fallacy before the world. He concluded by impressing upon his hearers the great importance of such a society to oppose this infidelity.

Rev. John Hall, D. D., spoke of the various classes of literature at present circulated. Some of it was colored with the truth, and some of it was colored with hostility to the truth. If every place where this literature was circulated could be marked, so that the public could observe them, people would be struck with wonder. If ever the number of infidel churches could be pointed out in a similar manner, it would be found that they were vastly in excess of those where Christianity was taught in all its purity. Dr. Hall entered at much length upon the subject, and concluded by exhorting the audience to exert themselves in the interest of the American Tract Society. Effective address were also delivered by Rev. John McDougall, Florence, Italy, and Rev. J. H. Wilson, Edinburgh, Scotland, on the progress of the tract societies in Italy and Scotland, and the proceedings were closed with the singing of the doxology.

DEATH OF HON. GEORGE ROBERTSON.

The venerable George Robertson, member of Congress from Kentucky for three terms, commencing 1816, and for twenty years on the Supreme Bench of Kentucky, died at his home in Lexington, Ky., on Saturday night, aged eighty-four. He was an able jurist and his decisions are regarded as standards by the legal profession throughout the country.

MILL RIVER VALLEY.

DETAILS OF THE GREAT DISASTER.

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years of age, the village physician, and it is a curious fact that he had perfected plans for visiting New-York to-day, intending to place himself under medical treatment necessitated by his close attention to his professional duties. He was seen rushing out of his house toward a place of safety with two of his three little children, his wife, who was a native of Frederick, Md., carrying the other, but the whole family were overtaken by the flood and drowned together. Dr. Johnson came to Williamsburg at the close of the war, in which he had served as surgeon. He formerly lived at Feeding Hills, being a nephew of Dr. Bell, well known in that region, and graduated at the New-York College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1862. He was conscientious and ambitious in his work, universally beloved, and a rising man in his profession, of which he was the only representative in the village. He was a deacon in the Congregational church, and prominent in religious matters.

W. H. ADAMS, ANOTHER OF THE LOST.

W. H. Adams, whose flouring mill was one of the first buildings to fall, was lost with his assistant, Mr. Hitchcock. Mr. Adams hearing of the coming disaster went down to his house, and telling his family that the reservoir had broke, attempted to regain the mill, when he was met by the coming wave and swept away. His house and family were almost miraculously saved. The house of Hiram Hill, which stands in the track of the flood, breaking its force. Mr. Adams was about fifty-five years of age, and formerly ran a flouring mill at Westchesterfield, coming to Williamsburg about four year ago.

A SAD CASE—A WHOLE FAMILY SWEPT AWAY.

One of the saddest cases was that of the H. Birmingham family—father, mother, and three daughters—all swept away together. The family were all at breakfast when the water struck their house. Mr. Birmingham was Superintendent in the James Mill, and his daughters, Mary, Lily, and Carrie, were aged nineteen, fourteen, and eight, respectively. Miss Mary was a teacher in the South Street Primary School at Northampton, and had come home to spend the Sabbath. It was a most loveable family, and their unwarned death forms one of the most touching scenes of this terrible disaster. Mr. Birmingham was formerly a member of the Hinsdale Woolen Mill of Birmingham Brothers, and was well known in Western Massachusetts.

GENERAL ASPECT OF THE RESERVOIR AFTER THE DISASTER.

A reporter of the *Republican*, who examined the ruins of the reservoir a few hours after the disaster, describes the general aspect as follows: The eastern section of the reservoir, on which the first break occurred, has disappeared from the top to the base, with the exception of a few rocks at the bottom, almost to the eastern bank. Near the centre of the stream, the stone wall, which inclosed the iron tube, remains almost intact in the upper side, but on the lower side a considerable number of stones have been carried away by the force of the torrent. The western half of the reservoir has suffered less seriously, though even on that side only the extreme portion, where comparatively little of the pressure came, remains uninjured. Much more of the base of the stone wall, however, remains here than on the other side, so that one can walk upon the remains of it to the very centre of the stream. Of the whole extent of the reservoir, as it stood on Saturday morning, it is safe to say that not one-sixth now remains. The feature that most impresses one about the ruins is the smallness of the stone wall when compared with the immense extent of water which the reservoir held. This wall was understood to be eight feet thick at the base. Upon measuring a section of it, however, as it stood intact, some ten feet above the bed of the stream, the reporter found it lacked about three inches of being six feet across. The upper third of the wall, as one looks across the chasm at what remained on the eastern side, cannot fail to strike the average observer, possessing only the information and judgment of common sense, as seriously lacking in thoroughness and stability. Without applying the tests which experts on such matters will doubtless soon put to it, a spectator from the opposite bank can hardly restrain the judgment of "flimsy," as he views the upper portion of the wall, and the general impression from an inspection of the wall as a whole is that it lacked the strength which so great a strain demanded.

INTERVIEW WITH THE GATE-KEEPER.

A representative of the Springfield *Republican* made a careful study of the reservoir, the origin of the disaster, and the condition of the ruins, in the course of which he had an interview with the man who first discovered the trouble. His report is as follows: A little below the reservoir, on the western bank, but out of range of the flood, stands a small, dismal-looking dwelling, in which lives the gate-keeper. This is George Cheney, a man of about thirty-five years, apparently, an honest and well-meaning individual, of little education and no more than ordinary intelligence. He has held the place nearly three years, his duty being to attend to the opening and shutting of the gates, keep close watch of the condition of the reservoir, and report to his employers anything which seemed to demand attention. It has been his practice, upon rising in the morning, to go out and inspect the condition of affairs. He went out as usual on Saturday morning about 6 o'clock. Everything looked all right. The reservoir was full, as it had been for several days. The water was flowing out of the wasteway on the west side past his house, the gateway having been closed for a fortnight. There was no sign of the impending catastrophe, and Cheney returned to his house. The family, including his wife, several children, and his father, sat down to breakfast. They were just finishing the meal when a great noise was heard, and the old man, who was standing at one of the eastern windows, exclaimed, "For God's sake, George, look there." About forty feet in length of the bottom of the reservoirs on the east side, just beyond the gate, was shooting down the stream. Cheney seems to have realized the situation and the emergency at once. With a single eye to the discharge of his duty, and almost, as one would infer from hearing him tell the story, without stopping to consider the danger involved, he rushed down to the gate and let on the water full head, in the hope that this might possibly afford relief and avert the threatening danger. This done, he paused a moment to investigate the condition of the wall where the break had taken place. A glance showed him that it could hardly fail in a few minutes to give way entirely. Streams of water as large as a man's arm were forcing their way through, new ones appearing every moment. The wall was constantly crumbling away. Its utter downfall was evidently only a question of minutes. Cheney rushed up to his house and told his father he was going to the village to warn the people. Together they hurried to the barn, a few rods below, and while Cheney was throwing a bridle upon his horse, his father cut him a stick. Leaping on his horse's back and plying vigorously his lash, he rode at topmost speed down the road that skirted the streams, back to Williamsburg, covering the three miles, he thinks, in fifteen minutes. It was then about 7-30 o'clock. Driving to the house of Mr. Spellman, who had general charge of the reservoir, he summoned that gentleman from his breakfast-table to startle him with: "The reservoir is going." It was but the night before that Cheney had been talking with him about the reservoir, and both had agreed that everything looked all right for the Summer. It is not strange, therefore, that Spellman could not at first credit the statement. He thought the man a little "scared," and to his startling announcement replied, "No, it can't be possible." But Cheney quickly told him about the giving way of the earth, and the streams of water rushing through, and soon convinced him that the danger was most imminent. The first duty was to warn the people further down the stream. Cheney's horse was exhausted, and Spellman directed him to go to the livery stable, where again precious moments were lost in convincing the incredulous people that the messenger's story could be true. Finally a horse was made ready, and a fresh man got off to notify the dwellers further down the stream.

FACTS REGARDING THE SITUATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE RESERVOIR.

The ill-fated reservoir was one of a series of dams and reservoirs owned by a corporation called The Mill River and Williamsburg Reservoir Company, which included all the manufacturing establishments on the line of Mill River from Williamsburg to Northampton. It was situated on the east branch of Mill River, about three miles from the village of Williamsburg, in the north-eastern corner of Northampton. The stream which supplied it has its rise only about three miles above the reservoir, and, after joining the west branch at the village of Williamsburg, forms Mill River proper, which flows through Haydenville and Florence, and empties into the Connecticut River at Northampton. The reservoir was constructed in the Summer and Fall of 1865, though it was not filled and used until the following Spring. Emery B. Wells, of Northampton, and Joel Bassett, of Easthampton, were the contractors, and the cost was $35,000. A stone wall was first built, which was stipulated to rise from a width of eight feet at the base-pan to two feet at the top, which latter was forty-two feet above the bed of the stream. This wall was contracted to be laid in the best-known cement, and the projectors claimed it would be as strong as a single shaft of granite. Enveloping this wall on either side was a mass of earth, which sloped down on the water side at an angle of 30°, and on the lower side at an angle of 45°; a lateral section of this earthen support measured about 120 feet at the base, the greater mass of which was on the water side. At the centre of the stream, inclosed in a stone wall, running at right angles to the main wall of the reservoir, ran an iron tube of two feet diameter for controlling the flow of water, extending, of course, a few feet beyond this eastern wall, at both extremities of its base. This wall of earth, 120 feet wide at bottom, was 16 feet across at the top, covering the crest of the stone wall, 2 feet in depth, in order to prevent danger from frost; and along its top furnished a good drive way. The water never rose quite to the crest of the dam, being kept about two feet below that line by means of a water-way at the western side. The reservoir covered an area of 111 acres, and its average depth was twenty-four feet. Of thrilling incidents and interesting details there is absolutely no end.

INCIDENTS OF THE DISASTER.

From a large mass collected by the reporters of the *Republican* in the various villages the following are selected as the most striking: A most wonderful rescue, and probably the only one of an adult person from the flood itself at Leeds, was that of Mrs. Mary C. Harding, a sister of Miss Maria Clark, of this city. She was at work on the second floor of the silk factory when the alarm was given, and hardly had she reached the ground when the shout was raised, "Run across the bridge." She started, leading the whole company. But soon the cries were of another sort. "Come back" and "Don't go over" were sounded on every side. It was too late for Mrs. Harding, though. She was on the bridge, and going back was as perilous as going forward. She ran as seldom woman ran before, and no sooner had she, and, perhaps, half a dozen others, reached the further shore than that immense mass of débris struck the bridge, which went down with a crash, carrying with it six or seven girls and women, who were just a little too late. The woman kept on running for Ross' store, making, as she avers, pretty good time, while her companions, who had crossed the bridge, entered the fated boarding-house. She passed the little gate near the bridge, and just got through the larger gate below the steps leading to the store, when the water rushed up, carried off the gate, and threw her down near the lower stair. Luckily, two men were on the bank, and she was drawn up—and not a minute too soon, for just then the steps went off and the three had to seek safety higher up the shore. The escape from the bridge, from the descending débris, from the chance of entering the house as her companions did, and from the water afterward, makes Mrs. Harding's case a most marvelous one. She only, of the thirteen who started over the bridge, was saved. It so happened that one of her rescuers was Willie Swift, the lover of her room-mate, Mary Woodward, who was swept away in the tide. Mrs. Harding lost everything she had, her property being in the boarding-house; but, thoroughly wet and somewhat bruised as she was, she went pluckily to work, spending most of the afternoon attending to the dead and the bereaved living, starting at night with friends for this city.

SAD CASE OF A FRENCH FAMILY.

One of the saddest cases was that of three French children, neither of them over nine years old, who sat among the living and the dead in Mr. Warner's house at Leeds, and told questioners that they could not find three sisters and a brother and their mother, but that their father was safe, and attending to the dead people. But many well knew that the brother and sisters were among the dead, yet no one had the heart to break the terrible news to the children. Two of the little ones have been adopted by Mr. Hillett, one of the overseers of the silk factory.

OTHER CASES.

Mr. H. H. Tilton, of Williamsburg, was carrying his aged mother, widow Sarah H. Snow, to a place of safety, when the unrelenting waters seized them. Mrs. Snow was carried away while he grasped a tree about fifteen feet high, growing on a bank, and was saved, though the waters reached and swayed him. Messrs. Harmon and Rhoades, living in the same house, got across the street into another dwelling, the lower story of which was flooded, but some apple trees broke the force of the wave, and the house stood. Three men, J. M. Stephenson, and two new hands, whose names are not known, fearing the boarding-house in which they were with a number of others would give way, despite the entreaties of their associates, left it and climbed an apple-tree near by. The latter fell under them, and they were drowned, while those at the boarding-house remained unharmed. One man ventured upon the roof of the boarding-house, and though it crumbled under him he clung to it and saved his life.

John Atkins, foreman of the weaving-room, died in saving the lives of his wife and two children.

AID AND SUCCOR TO THE DISTRESSED.

The citizens of Williamsburg held a town meeting on Saturday evening, and appinted a committee to raise subscriptions, look after the destitute, and organize the search for the missing. Northampton and the adjoining towns have been sending in supplies of food, clothing, and money since the disaster, and contributions were taken up for the sufferers in the churches throughout Western Massachusetts to-day. The collections in the churches of Springfield amounted to about $2,000, and the subscription papers will swell this amount to about $5,000. All the large towns and cities are organizing relief societies.

FUNERAL OF NINE VICTIMS OF THE DISASTER.

The funeral of nine victims of the disaster took place in front of the Congregational church, at Williamsburg, about 3 o'clock P. M. Seats were arranged in the yard and the presiding ministers had chairs on the steps and the premises about were crowded. Clergymen from the surrounding towns conducted the services.

SCENE AT THE RUINS OF THE RESERVOIR.

The scene at the ruins of the reservoir is thus described by a reporter of the *Republican:*

All through the centre nothing remains of the high wall of stone and earth, which rose to a height of forty feet in the bed of the stream, save the stone-work running at right angles with the dam at the bottom which inclosed the gateway. In the very bed of the stream nothing is left, and where the water now flows harmlessly along its ancient channel, not a stone remains from top to bottom. A small portion of the eastern part of the reservoir, and a large section of the western, still remain—in all, perhaps a sixth of the original extent—broken and jagged on the edges. Above the eye sweeps over the bed of the reservoir, a tract of 111 acres, covering the south-easterle corner of the town of Williamsburg near the Conway line. This land, nestled among the hills, is, for the greater part, tolerably level, sloping, of course, more or less on every side, and dotted over a large part of its surface with the stumps of trees that formerly occupied it. Below the reservoir the sight is most impressive. The vast mass of water suddenly let loose and dashing down the narrow valley has wrought such devastation as one would not have believed possible without seeing it. The very bed of the stream has been cut in places many feet below its original course, and for a long distance the valley is dotted and sometimes crammed with huge rocks torn from the wall of the reservoir, while the trees that in many places lined its banks have quite vanished, and those that marked the outer edge of the torrent are all tattered and torn. Indeed, as one stands on the remaining wall of the reservoir and looks about, the scene is most desolate and impressive.

AID FOR THE SUFFERERS.

NEW-HAVEN, Conn., May 27.—The people of this city have been much excited by the news of the flood disaster at Williamsburg, and much sympathy has been developed for the sufferers. As soon as the news was announced Mayor Lowis sent messages offering assistance, which have been answered, and aid will be sent to-day. Contributions for the sufferers were taken in the churches, one of which gave $450.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, May 18—1 A. M.—The barometer continues low in the northern portion of the Middle States. It has risen in the upper lake region and the North-west, and thence southward to the Gulf. The temperature has risen slightly in New-England and fallen in the lake region. Clear weather, with light winds and calms, prevail in the Southern States, the Ohio Valley, the Central Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys. Southerly winds and clear weather prevail on the New-England and Middle Atlantic coasts. Threatening weather and light rain, with north and west winds are reported from the northern portion of the Middle States, and thence westward to Michigan. The Mississippi River has risen at Keokuk, and fallen at Cairo. The Ohio, Cumberland, and Red Rivers have fallen.

PROBABILITIES.

For New-England and the Middle States, partly cloudy weather will prevail, with local rains in the interior, south-west to north-west winds, lower temperature, and stationary to rising barometer.

For the South Atlantic and the Gulf States, generally clear weather, south-west to north-west winds, with a slight change of temperature, and rising barometer during the day.

For the lake region, Tennessee, and the Ohio Valley, clearing weather during the day, north-east to north-west winds, low temperature, and stationary to rising barometer.

For the Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys, generally clear weather, north to east winds and low temperature, except in Missouri and Southern Iowa.

The Ohio and Lower Mississippi, and Lower Missouri Rivers will continue to fall slowly.

IN THIS CITY.

The following record shows the changes in the temperature for the past twenty-four hours, in comparison with the corresponding day of last year, as indicated by the thermometer at Hudnut's Pharmacy:

	1873.	1874.		1873.	1874.
3 A. M.	59°	57°	3:30 P. M.	62°	78°
6 A. M.	53°	58°	6 P. M.	61°	66°
9 A. M.	60°	63°	9 P. M.	54°	60°
12 M.	64°	70°	12 P. M.	57°	58°

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THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange on Saturday, May 16, by order of the Supreme Court in foreclosure, under the direction of Wm. C. Whitney, Esq., Referee, Wm. Kennelly sold one lot, 25 by about 120, (rear irregular), on West One Hundred and Thirty-third street, south side, 225 feet west of Eighth avenue, for $2,500, to Wm. A. Holden, plaintiff in the foreclosure proceedings. The remaining legal auctions announced were adjourned, as follows: Sale by James M. Miller of the stable and lot No. 265 East Broadway, adjourned to to-morrow, the 19th inst. Sale by Hugh N. Camp of lots on Broadway, northeast corner of Fifty-fifth street, adjourned to the 27th inst.; and sale by E. A. Lawrence & Co. of a house and lot on East Sixtieth street, east of Lexington avenue, adjourned to June 6.

LAST WEEK'S BUSINESS.

The business of the past week has been confined almost exclusively to the consummation of legal sales, and independent of parties interested in the proceedings; but little interest has been manifested in the auctions. The property disposed of has, as a rule, sold low, and but in one or two instances has a sufficient sum been realized to clear off incumbrances. The total value of City real estate sold at the Exchange for the week ending with Saturday, May 16, amounts to $357,910, as against $486,685, the figures for the previous week. Business generally during the week has been quiet, and nothing worthy of special note has occurred since our last review of the market, but four sales having been effected at private contract, and but little doing in any way.

THIS WEEK'S AUCTIONS.

For the present week the following sales are announced, all taking place at the Exchange, except when otherwise noted:

To-day, (Monday,) May 18.

By Hugh N. Camp, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Edward D. Gale, Esq., Referee, of a valuable plot of land, 149.1 by 303 by 133.10 by 274.6, on the King's Bridge road, south-east corner of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, extending through to Ninth avenue.

By Wm. Kennelly, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Thomas Boese, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 39.1 by about 131, (irregular,) on Seventh avenue, east side, 74.1 feet north of Thirty-fourth street.

By Jere. Johnson, Jr., at Astoria, Long Island, on the ground at 1 o'clock, executrix's sale of 176 choice building-lots, situate respectively on Grand and Vanderwater avenues, Steinway, Albert, and Winans streets, the property of the estate of Wm. Vanderwater, deceased; an important transaction. Free excursion boat, Morrisania Line, from Fulton slip, at 11:45 A. M. Tickets at Auctioneer's office, No 21 Park row.

Tuesday, May 19.

By A. H. Muller & Son, Supreme Court partition sale, B. C. Thayer, Esq., Referee, of the two-story and attic brick house, with lot 25 by 100, No. 71 West Fourth street, south side, 100 feet west of Wooster street. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Wm. C. Whitney, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 25 by 100, on Seventh avenue, east side, 117.8 feet south of Fourteenth street. Also, partition sale of two lots, each 25 by 100, on Ninth avenue, west side, 50.5 feet south of sixty-seventh street, with one lot, 25 by 100, on Sixty-seventh street, south side, 100 feet west of Ninth avenue. Also, public auction sales of a four-story brick tenement-house, with lot 25 by 100, on East One Hundred and Ninth street, north side, 75 feet west of First avenue, and three lots, each 25 by 100.5, on Sixty-third street, south side, 70 feet west of Madison avenue.

By Richard V. Harnett, public auction sale of a three-story and basement brown-stone front house, 17.5 by 46, with lot 109.4 feet deep, on East Fifty-seventh street, north-west corner of the new Eastern Boulevard. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, James H. Fay, Esq., Referee, of three lots, each 25.2 by 110, on Third avenue, north-east corner of One Hundred and Sixth street.

By Wm. Kennelly, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Wm. Sinclair, Esq., Referee, of a house and lot, 25 by 102.9, on East Seventy-fifth street, south side, 50 feet west of Madison avenue. Also, similar sale, John T. O'Neil, Esq., Referee, of a plot of land 75 by 194, on Wall street, Morrisania, Twenty-third Ward.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Stephen J. Bidlack, Esq., Referee, of a lot, 20 by 102.9, on West Seventy-first street, north side, 300 feet west of Ninth avenue.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Wm. S. Kelley, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 20 by 94, on First avenue, east side, 86 feet north of One Hundred and Sixteenth street. Also, similar sale, G. Irving Whitehead, Esq., Referee, of the store, with lot 23.7 by about 100, No. 269 Pearl street, east side, about 60 feet south of Frankfort street.

By Dingee, Porter & Co., public auction sale of the four-story brick dwelling and French flat house, with lot 22 by 72.11, on West Tenth street, north-east corner of Waverley place, known as No. 153 West Tenth street, and No. 165 Waverley place, together with the four-story brick house, with lot 22 by 75, No. 167 Waverley place, adjoining.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, F. C. Barlow, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 23.2 by 75, on Madison avenue, west side, 80 feet north of Eighty-third street.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, special guardian's sale, under the direction of A. B. Turner, Esq., of one lot, 25 by 102.9, on West Seventy-ninth street, south side, 225 feet east of Tenth avenue.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Samuel Jones, Esq., Referee, of two lots, with improvements, each 17.6 by 102.9, on East Seventy-eighth street, south side, 265 feet east of Second avenue.

By Wm. Kennelly, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Frederick Smyth, Esq., Referee, of a house and lot, 21 by 70, on Fourth avenue, north-west corner of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street.

By J. E. & H. I. Hay, at Woodside, N. J., on the premises, at 1 o'clock, public auction sale of a desirable residence, with plot of ground 90 by 368, on Washington avenue, opposite Elwood avenue.

Thursday, May 21.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, executors, re-sale of the four-story brick building, with lot 94 by about 85, No. 12 Fourth avenue, (Union square,) east side, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets. Also, the L shaped lot, with five-story brick store covering same thereon, known as No. 35 Murray street, and No. 60 Church street, the lot having a front of 25 feet on each street. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, John S. Patterson, Esq., Referee, of three lots, each 25 by 99.11, on West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, south side, 200 feet west of Seventh avenue.

By Hugh N. Camp, Supreme Court sale, Joshua T. Owen, Esq., Referee, the large plot of ground bounded by Twelfth and Thirteenth avenues, Eighty-ninth and Ninety-first streets, with water front, equal to about 115 City lots.

By Wm. Kennelly, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, R. B. Roosevelt, Esq., Referee, of a house and lot, 25 by about 75 (irregular), on West Sixty-eighth street, north side, 99.9 feet west of Broadway. Also similar sale, John P. O'Neil, Esq., Referee, of one lot 18.9 by 99.11, on West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, south side, 337.6 feet east of Seventh avenue as widened. Also, similar sale, R. P. Farrell, Esq., Referee, of four lots, each 25 by 99.11, on One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, south side, 100 feet west of Seventh avenue as widened. Also similar sale, Frederick Smyth, Esq., Referee, of two plots and unfinished buildings thereon, on Third avenue, Morrisania, Twenty-third Ward.

By James M. Miller, public auction sale of a lot 19.3 by 76, with three four-story brick buildings thereon, on Third avenue, south-west corner of Thirty-ninth street, together with a four-story brick house with lot, 24 by 38.8, in rear, fronting on Thirty-ninth street. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Wm. C. Whitney, Esq., Referee, of seven lots, together forming a plot in size 164.6 by 98.9, with buildings, on East Twenty-second street, north side, 265.6 feet east of First avenue. Also, similar sale, John M. Scribner, Esq., Referee, of a house with lot, 16 by 82, on West Twenty-first street, south side, 400 feet east of Eighth avenue. Also, similar sale, J. W. C. Leveridge, Esq., Referee, of a house with lot, 16.8 by 54, on Prospect place, west side, 150.5 feet north of Forty-second street.

By Dingee, Porter & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale of a plot 46 by 93, with improvements, on Avenue A, west side, 23 feet north of Nineteenth street.

By Sands & Garrettsen, Supreme Court foreclosure sale of the store with lot, 21 by 96, No. 873 Pearl street.

Friday, May 22.

By A. H. Muller & Son, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, D. C. Calvin, Esq., Referee, of the house with lot 20 by 98.9, No. 434 West Twenty-eighth street, south side, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

By Wm. Kennelly, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Wm. Sinclair, Esq., Referee, of a building with lot 25.9 by 75, on Broome street, south-east corner of Mangin street.

By Dingee, Porter & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, A. A. Thompson, Esq., Referee, of a house with lot 20 by 80 on First avenue, east side, 20.11 feet south of One hundred and twenty-first street.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, N. Jarvis, Jr., Esq., Referee, of lot 25 by 100.5, on East Fifty-eight street, north side, and 1 lot same size in rear on Fifty-ninth street, south side, 125 feet east of Fifth avenue.

Saturday, May 23.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Wm. S. Kelley, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 16.6 by 100.11, on East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, south side, 129.6 feet east of Second avenue.

By Hugh N. Camp, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, A. B. Smith, Esq., Referee, of the house, with lease of lot 20 by 100.5, No. 26 West Forty-ninth street, south side, 270 feet west of Fifth avenue; lease from Columbia College, dated Nov. 1, 1866, for nineteen years and eight months, with renewals.

EXCHANGE SALES, SATURDAY, MAY 16.

NEW-YORK.

By Wm. Kennelly.

1 lot West 133d st., 225 ft. w. of 8th av., 25x about 120 (rear irregular)..... $2,500

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Friday, May 15.

Grand st., s. w. corner Attorney st., 20x60..... 6,000
Lafayette place, w. s., 140.8 ft. s. of Astor place, 21.11x63..... 50,000
St. Mark's place, or 8th st., n. s., 354 ft. w. of 2d av., 20x114.11..... 13,400
2 plots, s. s., 325 ft. w. of Grove av., 75x100; 1 plot, s. s., 625 ft. w. of Grove av., 125x100, Morrisania..... 12,000
34th st., n. s., 354.4 ft. e. of 8th av., 22.10x98.9..... 24,000
54th st., n. s., 300 ft. e. of 10th av., 25x98..... 21,250
55th st., n. s., 38.3 ft. e. of Lexington av., 24x73.6..... 20,200
83d st., s. s., 325 ft. w. of 5th av., 25x100.4..... 28,000
85th st., n. s., 95 ft. e. of Lexington av., 50x100.5..... 38,000
85d st., s. s., 134 ft. w. of Lexington av., 20x100.5..... 25,750
74th st., n. s., 100 ft. w. of 3d av., 50x102.2..... 31,000
93d st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of 3d av., 20x100.8; 93d st., s. s., 140 ft. of 3d av., 20x100.8..... 22,000
111th st., n. s., 345 ft. w. of 3d av., 25x100.10..... 6,350
112th st., s. s., 295 ft. e. of 3d av., 20x100.10..... 10,000
143d st., n. s., 375 ft. w. of Boulevard, 100x99.11..... 3,000
Eagle av., n. w. s., indefinite, 75x120, Morrisania..... 6,000
Grove av., w. s., 400 ft. n. of Cliff st., 50x100, Morrisania..... 2,000
1st av., No. 426, s. s., 20.3 ft. s. of 25th st., 17.10x41.2; 1st av., 41.2 ft. s. of s. s., thence 7.6 ft. s. of s. s. of 25th st., 10.3x7.6..... 11,000
2d av., s. s., 354 ft. s. of 59th st., 20.1x100.5..... 25,300
7th av., s. w. corner 117th st., runs s. 102.6 ft. to Avenue St. Nicholas, thence n. w. along Avenue St. Nicholas, 120.3 ft. to 117th st., thence e. 62.11 ft. to beginning..... 27,500
8th av., No. 934, s. s., 37.8 ft. s. of 55th st., 18.10x62.6..... 18,350
Plot, 2 4-5 acres, (with houses,) of Mrs. Schwab, at West Farms, adjoining Johnson and Chrystie sts., with right of way to Kingsbridge road..... 20,000

LEASEHOLD CONVEYANCES.

Lafayette place, w. s., 175.5 ft. s. of Astor place..$50,000
56th st., n. s., 543 ft. e. of 1st av., 20x67.1..... 14,000
56th st., n. s., 593 ft. e. of 1st av., 20x67.1..... 14,000

LEASE RECORDED.

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On TUESDAY, MAY 19,

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JOHN M. GIBSON, Auctioneer, will sell at public auction, on TUESDAY, May 19, 1874, at 2 o'clock P. M., on the premises, the handsome residence and grounds now occupied by Lewis J. Bridgman, Esq., situate on the south-easterly side of Bergen av., between Bridgman and Belmont avs. On the premises is a two-story stone-basement house, 25x36, with extension 20x14, contains ten large rooms, elegantly finished with all modern improvements; the ground has a frontage of 110 feet on Bergen av., running through 516 feet to Monticello av., with a frontage of fifty feet on Monticello av.; grounds are handsomely laid out in garden plot, well-stocked with large and small fruits, ornamental trees, &c.; streets paved, sewered, &c.; all assessments paid; the cupola of the house commands a view of the surrounding country within thirty miles; first-class location and surroundings; horse-cars, to and from Cortlandt and Desbrosses Streets Ferries, pass the property every five minutes during the day and evening; rare chance for speculation or investment, as the property must and will be positively sold to the highest bidder regardless of price.

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WEDNESDAY, May 20, 1874, at the Real Estate Exchange, No. 111 Broadway, at 12 o'clock, without reserve, to the highest bidder, the valuable four-story and basement brick buildings on the north-west corner of Waverley place and West 10th st., and two buildings adjoining in Waverley place, in fine order, well located and rented. Further particulars at Auctioneer's, No. 2,308 3d st. and No. 111 Broadway.

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Col. ABRAM DALLY.

J. GOULD WARNER, Adjutant.
If it should be stormy, next fair day.

FINANCIAL.

CINCINNATI CITY LOAN.

THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK, No. 128 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, April 20, 1874.

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Bids at not under par and accrued interest will be opened on the 20th May prox., at 12 o'clock M.

H. WILLSON, Cashier.

CINCINNATI, April 18, 1874.

The undersigned, a Board of Trustees appointed for that purpose, offer for sale ONE MILLION DOLLARS of the Coupon Bonds of the City of Cincinnati, bearing 7.30 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually at the American Exchange National Bank, in New-York. These bonds are part of an issue of $10,000,000 authorized to be made by this city for the construction of a railroad connecting it with the States immediately South, from which hitherto it has been in a measure isolated, but which, when completed, will add largely to its wealth and population.

The validity of the law under which Cincinnati issues these bonds has been confirmed by two decisions of the Supreme Court of Ohio, the court of last resort.

The city had at the last census a population of 219,000, since largely increased by additional territory surrounding it, and by its natural growth. Its own population, and that of towns immediately adjacent, is not less than 320,000. Its taxable property is $200,000,000. The property directly owned by it is worth from $18,000,000 to $20,000,000. Its total indebtedness is less than $7,000,000. Its annual expenses about $3,000,000, including interest on its debt.

With these facts in view, the bonds proposed will form a very first-class investment.

By an act of the Legislature of Ohio, and by similar acts of Kentucky and Tennessee, through which the road passes, the holders of these bonds are secured by special lien upon the entire road, so that they combine the security both of a mortgage and of a city debt.

Full particulars respecting this issue can be had upon application at the American Exchange National Bank, in the City of New-York, through which the bonds are offered for sale.

MILES GREENWOOD,
WILLIAM HOOPER,
E. H. BISHOP,
E. A. FERGUSON,
PHILIP HEIDELBACH,
} Trustees.

MUNICIPAL BONDS.

WE ARE NOW OFFERING THE BALANCE OF THE

CITY OF ROCHESTER WATER LOAN

AT PAR AND INTEREST. The Bonds mature in the year 1903, and bear interest at seven per cent. per annum, payable in this City in January and July.

COUPON BONDS OF $1,000 EACH.

REGISTERED BONDS OF $1,000 AND $5,000 EACH.

Under the direction of the BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS more than EIGHT MILES of SERVICE-PIPE has been laid and brought into ACTUAL SERVICE during the past year.

We UNQUALIFIEDLY RECOMMEND this loan as a first-class investment, UNSURPASSED IN ITS SECURITY.

Robinson, Chase & Co.

BANKERS, NO. 18 BROAD ST.

Brooklyn City 7s

FOR SALE BY

DANIEL A. MORAN,

NO. 40 WALL ST.

7, 8, AND 10 PER CENT.

CITY AND COUNTY BONDS,
RAILROAD BONDS,
CITY RAILROAD STOCKS.

And other choice Stocks and Bonds, paying 10 to 20 per cent., at the lowest market rates, for sale by

ALBERT H. NICOLAY & CO.,
No. 43 Pine st., New-York.

N. B.—Investment securities our specialty 22 years.

NEWARK, N. J., 7 PER CENT.

Bonds, due 1880. For sale at a discount.

GEORGE K. SISTARE, No. 24 Nassau st.

ROBERT WINTHROP & CO.,

BANKERS AND BROKERS,
NO. 2 WALL ST.

Execute orders for STOCKS, BONDS, and GOLD, allow interest on DEPOSITS, and transact a general Banking and Brokerage business.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The annual election for thirteen Directors of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, Grand Central Depot, New-York City, on TUESDAY, the 19th day of May, 1874. The polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon until 2 o'clock P. M. of that day. The transfer-books will be closed from 3 P. M. of the 2d of May until 9 o'clock A. M. of the 20th of May.

ROBERT J. NIVEN, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, April 25, 1874.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY, 21 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, May 13, 1874.

AT A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this company, held on TUESDAY, the 12th inst., the following-named gentlemen were duly elected managers for the ensuing year:

CHARLES N. TALBOT,
ISAIAH T. WILLIAMS,
ROBT. LENOX KENNEDY,
JAMES M. HALSTED,
LEGRAND B. CANNON,
JAMES B. TAYLOR,
JOHN JACOB ASTOR,
THOMAS CORNELL,
W. J. HOPPIN,
J. PIERPONT MORGAN,
GEO. CABOT WARD,
ROBT. M. OLYPHANT,
THOMAS DICKSON.

And at a meeting of the Board of Managers, held this day, THOMAS DICKSON, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President.

By order of the Board,

GEORGE L. HAIGHT, Secretary.

LAKE SUPERIOR SHIP CANAL, RAILROAD & IRON COMPANY.—For sale—$187,000—Receivers' certificates, second series, dated 9th May, 1874, payable one year from date, with ten per cent. interest; authorized by order of the United States Circuit Court for Eastern District of Michigan to reimburse expenses of completing the canal.

Proposals for purchase of the above certificates will be received by the undersigned until the 18th May, inst., at noon, at his office, No. 90 Broadway, where the order of court may be seen and other particulars, if any, may be learned.

ISAAC H. KNOX, Receiver.

NEW-YORK, May 6, 1874.

COMMERCIAL WAREHOUSE COMPANY. Cash capital, $2,000,000. Office, No. 29 William st., corner Exchange place. Warehouses, Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn. Cash advances made on first-class securities on demand and time. Cash advances made on all kinds of merchandise stored in our own warehouses or consigned to us on favorable terms.

PAUL D. ARMOUR, President; JOSE F. NA

SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP LINE

TO CALIFORNIA, JAPAN AND CHINA, VIA PANAMA.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
(Including all necessaries for the trip:)
New-York to San Francisco, $50, $100, or $110 currency.
San Francisco to Yokohama, $150, gold.
San Francisco to Hong Kong, $200, gold.
Steamers leave Pier No. 42 North River, New-York, as follows:
ACAPULCO, Capt. J. M. Dow, May 23, at 12 noon.
HENRY CHAUNCEY, Commodore A. G. GRAY, June 6, at 12 M.
And every alternate SATURDAY thereafter, calling at Kingston, Jamaica, and connecting with all steamers for Central American and South Pacific ports.
Extra steamers for freight and way passengers will be dispatched on intervening Saturdays as necessity may require.
Steamers leave San Francisco for Japan and China, as follows:
CHINA.....May 2
GREAT REPUBLIC.....May 16
COLORADO.....May 30
and every fortnightly Saturday thereafter.
Steamers leave China and Japan for San Francisco and New-York as follows:
From Hong Kong...April 12 | From Yokohama...April 21
From Hong Kong...May 13 | From Yokohama...May 20
From Hong Kong...May 27 | From Yokohama...June 3
The mail will be brought from San Francisco to New-York fast, in twenty-eight days, at $40, gold, per ton of 2,000 pounds.
For freight and passage, or further information, apply at company's office, on wharf foot Canal st., New-York.
H. J. BULLAY, Superintendent.
RUFUS HATCH,
Vice President and Managing Director.

CUNARD LINE.

NOTICE.
With the view of diminishing the chances of collision, the steamers of this line take a specified course for all seasons of the year.
On the outward passage from Queenstown to New-York or Boston, crossing meridian of 50 at 49 latitude, or nothing to the north of 43.
On the homeward passage, crossing the meridian of 50 at 43, or nothing to the north of 42.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAM-SHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

FROM NEW-YORK.	FROM NEW-YORK.
Abyssinia, Wed'y, May 20	Parthia, Saturday, June 6
Aleppo, Saturday, May 23	*Scotia, Wed'day, June 10
*Russia, Wednesday, May 27	Algeria, Saturday, June 13
China, Saturday, May 30	*Cuba, Wednesday, June 17
Calabria, Wed'day, June 3	Java, Saturday, June 20

And every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY from New-York.
Steamers marked thus * do not carry steerage passengers.
Rates of passage—Cabin, $80, $100, and $130, gold, according to accommodation. Return tickets on favorable terms. Steerage at lowest rates. Steerage tickets from all parts of Europe, Liverpool and Queenstown, and all parts of Europe, at lowest rates. For freight and cabin passage apply at the company's office, No. 4 Bowling green; for steerage passage, No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building.
CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

WHITE STAR LINE,

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL, CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL.
NEW AND FULL-POWERED STEAM-SHIPS.
Sailing from New-York on SATURDAYS, from Liverpool on THURSDAYS, calling at Cork Harbor each way.
BALTIC.....SATURDAY, May 23, at 11 A. M.
OCEANIC.....SATURDAY, May 30, at 3 P. M.
REPUBLIC.....SATURDAY, June 6, at 10 A. M.
CELTIC.....SATURDAY, June 13, at 3 P. M.
From White Star Dock, Pavonia Ferry, Jersey City.
Passenger accommodations (for all classes) unrivaled, combining
SAFETY, SPEED, AND COMFORT.
Saloon, State-rooms, Smoking-room and Bath-rooms in MIDSHIP section, where least motion is felt. Surgeons and stewardesses accompany these steamers.
Rates—Saloon, $80, gold; return tickets, $140, gold; steerage at low rates. Those wishing to send for friends from the old country can now obtain steerage prepaid certificates at low rates.
Passengers booked for all parts of America, to Paris, Hamburg, Norway, Sweden, India, Australia, China, &c.
Drafts from £1 upward.
For inspection of plans and other information apply at the Company's offices, No. 19 Broadway, New-York.
E. J. CORTIS, Agent.

ATLAS MAIL LINE.

BI-MONTHLY SERVICE TO HAYTI, VENEZUELA, CURACOA, MARACAIBO, JAMAICA, AND COLOMBIA.
First-class full-powered English-built iron screw steamers, from Pier No. 13 North River.
For HAYTI, CURACOA, VENEZUELA, and PORTO RICO.
CORINTH.....May 15
CLARIBEL.....June 5
For JAMAICA AND COLOMBIA.
ATLAS.....May 15
ETNA.....June 2
First-class passenger accommodation.
PIM, FORWOOD & CO., Agents.
Nos. 56 Wall and 59 Pine sts.

ANCHOR LINE.

PASSAGE RATES REDUCED.
NEW-YORK AND GLASGOW.
SUMMER EVENT ALTERNATE THAT.
From company's piers, 20 and 21 North River, N. Y.
Etysia, Tuesday.....May 19 | Europa, Thursday...May 28
Olympia, Thursday.May 21 | Anglia, Saturday.....May 30
Indiana, Saturday.May 23 | California, Tuesday...June 2
Bolivia, Tuesday...May 26 | Trinacria, Thurs'y...June 4
RATES OF PASSAGE—PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, LONDONDERRY, QUEENSTOWN OR BELFAST.
Cabin, $65 to $90, according to steamer and accommodations. Return tickets issued at reduced rates.
INTERMEDIATE, $28. STEERAGE, $23.
Drafts issued for any amount at low rates.
Send for circulars, giving further information, to Company's offices, No. 7 Bowling green.
HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents.

STATE LINE.

NEW-YORK TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, BELFAST, AND LONDONDERRY.
These elegant new Clyde-built steamers will sail from Pier No. 36 North River as follows:
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.....SATURDAY, May 16
STATE OF VIRGINIA.....SATURDAY, May 30
STATE OF GEORGIA.....SATURDAY, June 13
And every alternate Saturday thereafter, taking passengers at through rates to all parts of Great Britain and Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Germany.
Prepaid tickets issued for any amount at low rates.
For freight or cabin passage apply to
AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO., Agents.
No. 72 Broadway.
Steerage office, No. 45 Broadway.
STEERAGE AS LOW AS BY ANY OTHER LINE.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

(VIA QUEENSTOWN.)
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.
THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full-power iron screw steam-ships from
PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY TUESDAY, as follows:
WYOMING, Capt. GUARD.....May 12, 2 P. M.
(No Boat May 19.)
NEVADA, Capt. FORSYTH.....May 26, 2 P. M.
IDAHO, Capt. MOORE.....June 2, 3 P. M.
WISCONSIN, Capt. FREEMAN.....June 9, 1 P. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. BEDDOE.....June 16, 3 P. M.
WYOMING, Capt. GUARD.....June 23, 12 M.
MONTANA, Capt.....June 30, 3 P. M.
Cabin passage, $80, gold.
Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $25, currency.
For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 63 Wall st.

INMAN LINE—SOUTHERLY COURSE.

Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:
FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday, May 23, 12 M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, May 30, 2 P. M.
CITY OF BROOKLYN.....Saturday, June 6, 10 A. M.
CITY OF BRUSSELS.....Saturday, June 13, 2 P. M.
CITY OF CHESTER.....Saturday, June 20, 12 M.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
CABIN, $80 and $90, gold, according to accommodation. Round trip tickets at low rates.
STEERAGE, to Liverpool, Queenstown, Glasgow, Londonderry, London, Bristol, Cardiff, Belfast, Havre, or Hamburg, $30. Prepaid certificates, $32, currency.
Passengers are forwarded to Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Paris, at reduced rates.
Drafts issued at lowest rates.
For Cabin Passage and general business apply at the Company's office, No. 15 Broadway.
Steerage offices, at No. 33 Broadway, and Pier No. 45 North River. JOHN G. DALE, Agent.

EAGLE LINE,

UNITED STATES MAIL STEAM-SHIPS
TO PLYMOUTH, CHERBOURG, AND HAMBURG.
The elegant Clyde-built steam-ships will sail from New-York as follows:
BOERNE, Capt. A. FISCHER, May 19.
GOETHE, Capt. J. A. WILSON, June 2.
from Eagle Line Pier, foot of 1st st., Hoboken.
RATES OF PASSAGE:
PLYMOUTH, LONDON, CHERBOURG, and HAMBURG, Cabin, first saloon, $120, gold; second saloon, $72, gold. Steerage to Plymouth and London, $30, currency; steerage to Cherbourg and Hamburg, $30, gold. Prepaid tickets from Hamburg, $36, currency. For freight apply to FUNCH, EDYE & CO., No. 27 South William st. For passage apply to KNAUTH, NACHOD & KUHNE, General Agents, No. 113 Broadway.

NATIONAL LINE.

NOTICE.—The most southerly route has *always* been adopted by this company to avoid ice and headlands.
From Piers Nos. 44 and 47 North River.
TO QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
Canada...Sat., May 16, 3 P.M | Greece..June 6, 9:30 A. M.
Spain..Sat., May 30, 3 P. M. | Egypt..Sat., June 13, 2 P.M.
FOR LONDON DIRECT.
HOLLAND.....Saturday, May 23, at 11 A. M.
Cabin passage, $70 and $80, currency. Steerage at greatly reduced price. Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage tickets from Liverpool at the lowest rates. Apply at the company's office, No. 69 Broadway. F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAM-SHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent, (being more southerly than any other,) will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:
PEREIRE.....Saturday...May 16
VILLE DE PARIS.....Saturday...May 30
LAFAYETTE.....Saturday...June 13
PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine,) TO BREST OR HAVRE:
First Cabin, $125.....Second Cabin, $75.
Superior accommodations for a few steerage passengers at $35.
Excursion tickets at reduced rates.
American travelers going to, or returning from the Continent of Europe, by taking this line, avoid both transit by English railway and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble, and expense. GEORGE MACKENZIE, Agent.
Removed to No. 55 Broadway.
NOTE.—In June and thereafter, the departures will be on Thursday of every week.

AMERICAN LINE TO LIVERPOOL, CALLING at Queenstown.

Steamer PENNSYLVANIA, from Philadelphia.....May 23
Steamer ILLINOIS, from Philadelphia.....May 28
Passage at reduced rates.
ISCOUT BROTHERS & CO., No. 56 South st.

SHIPPING.

CARDIFF LINE.

NEW-YORK TO CARDIFF.
The South Wales Atlantic Steam-ship Company's New, First-Class, Full-Powered Clyde-Built Steam-ships
Will sail from Pennsylvania Railroad Wharf, Jersey City, as follows:
PEMBROKE.....May 16
GLAMORGAN.....June 13
Carrying goods and passengers at through rates from all parts of the United States and Canada to ports in the Bristol Channel, and all other points in England.
These steam-ships, built expressly for the trade, are provided with all the latest improvements for the comfort and convenience of
CABIN AND STEERAGE PASSENGERS.
First Cabin.....$75 and $80 currency.
Second Cabin.....$38 currency.
Steerage.....$30 currency.
Prepaid steerage certificates from Cardiff.....$33
Drafts for £1 and upward.
For further particulars apply in Cardiff at the Company's Offices, No. 1 Dock Chambers, and in New-York to ARCHIBALD BAXTER & CO., Agents, No. 17 Broadway.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.

THE FLORIDA PORTS,
AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.
GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE.
CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA, AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.
WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS.
THE STEAM-SHIPS
HUNTSVILLE, Capt. CROWELL, WEDNESDAY, May 20, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 3 P. M.
E. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 96 West st.
SAN SALVADOR, Capt. NICKERSON, SATURDAY, May 23, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent, No. 5 Bowling green.
CLEOPATRA Capt. MANKIN, WEDNESDAY, May 27, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
M. LOWDEN, Agent, MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents, No. 62 South st.
SAN JACINTO, Capt. HAZARD, SATURDAY, May 30, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent, No. 5 Bowling green.
Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT.
Superior accommodations for passengers.
Through rates and bills of lading, in connection with Central Railroad of Georgia, to all points.
Through rates and bills of lading in connection with the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad and Florida steamers.
GEORGE YONGE, Agent, Central Railroad of Georgia, No. 409 Broadway.
C. D. OWENS, General Freight and Passenger Agent.

GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT

AND
PASSENGER LINE,
FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.,
THE FLORIDA PORTS,
AND THE
SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.
SAILING WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY,
from Pier No. 29 North River.
CHAMPION, Capt. R. W. LOCKWOOD, Wednesday, May 20.
GEORGIA, Capt. S. CROWELL, Saturday, May 23.
Superior accommodations for passengers.
Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT.
Goods forwarded free of commission.
Passage tickets and bills of lading issued and signed at the office of
JAMES W. QUINTARD & CO., Agents, No. 177 West st., (corner of Warren,)
Or W. P. CLYDE & CO., No. 6 Bowling green.
Through freight tariffs. Passage tickets by all routes and to all points in the South and South-west, and further information can be obtained at the office of
BENTLEY & D. HASKELL,
General Agent Great Southern Freight Line, No. 317 Broadway.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
Regular mail steamers SAILING 23D OF EVERY MONTH, making close connections at RIO DE JANEIRO with the English and French Mail Steamships for MONTEVIDEO and BUENOS AYRES.
The splendid steam-ship SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. TINKLEPAUGH, will sail from PIER No. 43 NORTH RIVER, on SATURDAY, May 23, at 3 P. M., calling at PORT THOMAS, PARA, PERNAMBUCO, BAHIA, and RIO DE JANEIRO, going and returning.
First cabin passage to St. Thomas, $100; to Para, $150; to Pernambuco, $200; to Bahia, $210, and to Rio de Janeiro, $225, gold. Steerage half price. EXCURSION TICKETS, good for six months, at three quarters of above rates. Freights greatly reduced.
Apply to WM. R. GARRISON, No. 5 Bowling green.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD STEAM-SHIP CO.

FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND BREMEN.
The steam-ship WESER, Capt. W. WILKENSON, will sail on SATURDAY, May 23, at 2 P. M., from Bremen Pier, foot 3d st., Hoboken, to be followed by steam-ship HANSA, Capt. F. KLUCKNER, on WEDNESDAY, May 27.
RATES OF PASSAGE TO LONDON, HAVRE, AND BREMEN, payable in gold or its equivalent in currency:
First cabin.....$120
Second cabin.....72
Steerage.....30
For freight or passage apply to
OELRICHS & CO., Agents, No. 2 Bowling green.

NEW-YORK AND HAVANA DIRECT MAIL LINE.

These first-class steam-ships will sail every TUESDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 13 North River, (foot of Cedar st.,) for Havana direct, as follows:
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. THOS. H. MORTON, May 12.
CRESCENT CITY, Capt. T. S. CURRY, May 19.
COLUMBUS, Capt. E. C. REED, May 26.
For freight or passage (having magnificent accommodations) apply to WM. P. CLYDE & CO., No. 6 Bowling green.
D. MCKELLAR, Agent in Havana.
March 31, 1873.

FOR HAVANA.

NASSAU, HAVANA, PROGRESO, AND VERA CRUZ.
New-York, Havana, and Mexican Mail Steam-ship Line, Sailing from Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M.
CITY OF MERIDA, (Havana direct).....May 21
CITY OF HAVANA, (Havana direct).....May 28
CITY OF NEW-YORK, (Havana direct).....June 4
CITY OF MEXICO, (Havana and Mexico).....June 11
For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDRE & SONS, No. 33 Broadway.

COOK'S TOURIST AND EXCURSION TICKETS

Are issued to every part of the world. They are printed in English on one side and in the language of the country where used on the other. To any part of Ireland or Scotland, 162 routes. To Italy and Switzerland, 195 routes. To Holland, Belgium, and the Rhine, every route. Tickets issued combining every country in Europe, available by any line of steamers from America. They are all sold at reductions ranging from ten to forty-five per cent. below ordinary fares. Their holders are not required to travel in large parties. Cook's Hotel coupons, guaranteeing best accommodations at over 300 first-class hotels, at uniform and reduced rates. Cook's *Excursionist* for May contains fare and expenses for over 1,000 European and American tours, price 10 cents. COOK'S EDUCATIONAL PARTY to Switzerland, Italy, &c., sails by special steamer BOLIVIA, June 30. Fares, $350, $450, and $550, gold, all expenses.
COOK, SON & JENKINS, 261 Broadway, New-York.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.

Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who can afford the expense of a courier, should never leave Paris without one. Their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from multiplicity of cares and troubles respecting passports, examination and conveyance of luggage, in securing the best accommodation, in protecting the traveler from imposition, and an infinity of annoyances to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Competent and trustworthy couriers and traveling servants may always be obtained by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 3 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.

United States passports, indispensable to travelers, issued by J. B. NONES, Passport Agent, No. 91 Duane st., corner Broadway.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.

Official passports of the Department of State issued by C. A. WILLMARTH, United States Court-house, No. 41 Chambers st.

COUNTRY BOARD.

IN GREENWICH, NEAR THE SOUND AND Americus Club-house, (new hotel,) five minutes' walk from New-Haven station.—Large, airy, well-furnished rooms; fishing, bathing, boating, stable accommodations; fare liberal and terms reasonable. Address S. T., Post Office Box No. 2, Greenwich, Conn.

A FEW MORE FAMILIES CAN BE ACCOMmodated with board in a farm-house among the mountains in Orange County, about two hours from New-York by the Erie Railway; terms reasonable. Address Mrs. A. GAEBEL, Mountainville Post Office, Orange County, N. Y.

BOARD, AT RYE, N. Y.—ONE LARGE OR TWO small families can be accommodated with first-class board at private residence near the beach; ten minutes from depot; accommodations for horses; references exchanged. Address F. K. J., Box No. 30, Rye.

TWO OR THREE FAMILIES (ADULTS) CAN obtain elegant rooms and generous board for the Summer; grounds large, shaded; river views; situation very beautiful; references. Address Lock-box Y, Tarrytown, on Hudson.

PARTIES WISHING TO MAKE ARRANGEments for board by the month or season at the Archer Place, Dobbs' Ferry, apply at No. 15 East 46th st.; references exchanged; coachmen and horses accommodated.

SPACIOUS ROOMS AND GOOD BOARD among mountains and pine groves; quiet and retired; families declining housekeeping well accommodated; terms moderate. L. P. DUDLEY, Cornwall, Conn.

LONG BRANCH.—PARTIES DESIRING TO MAKE arrangements for the season at the best-located cottages on Oc an avenue, can now secure a choice of rooms, with strictly first-class board. Particulars at my residence, No. 275 5th av.

COUNTRY BOARD.—PERSONS DESIRING TO ENjoy board for the Summer, can do so by addressing A. D., No. 583 Hudson st.

BOARD AT CORNWALL.—FINE SHADE, LARGE Rooms, and good board at a reasonable price. Address G. H. CARSWELL, Cornwall, on Hudson.

SUPERIOR BOARD—WITH PLEASANT ROOMS at Ridgedale House, Madison, N. J.

MARBLE MANTELS.

ALL KINDS OF MARBLE AND MARBLEIZED work manufactured and sold at lowest competitive prices at S. KLABER & CO.'S Steam Marble Works, Nos. 217 to 223 West 51st st., between Broadway and 8th av. Diamond-cutting machine in operation.

A. KLABER, NO. 134 EAST 18TH ST., NEAR 3D av., is selling and manufacturing all kinds of marble and marbleized mantels and other marble work, at greatly reduced prices. Marble turning for the trade.

RAILROADS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

THE GREAT TRUNK LINE AND UNITED STATES MAIL ROUTE.
Trains leave New-York, from foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts., as follows:
Express for Harrisburg, Pittsburg, the West and South, with Pullman palace cars attached, 9:30 A. M., 6 and 8:30 P. M. Sunday, 5 and 8:30 P. M.
For Williamsport, Lock Haven, Corry, and Erie, via Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, 7 P. M. For Williamsport, 8:30 A. M., connecting at Philadelphia.
For Baltimore, Washington, and the South, "Limited, Washington Express" of Pullman parlor cars, daily, except Sunday, at 9:30 A. M., arrive at Washington at 4:10 P. M., regular at 8:40 A. M.; 3 and 9 P. M. Sunday, 9 P. M.
Express for Philadelphia, 5:40, 9:30, 4, M., 12:30, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8:30, 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5, 8:10, 8:30, and 9 P. M. Emigrant and second class, 7 P. M.
For Trenton at 7:20 A. M., 2, and 3:10 P. M. Sunday 3:10 P. M.
For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 8:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:30, 9:10, and 8:10 P. M.
For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:30, 6:30, 8:10, and 9:10 P. M.
For Rahway, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 8, 10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 8:10, 6:30, 8:10, 10 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20 and 8:10 P. M.
For Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, and South Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 2:30, 4:10, and 8 P. M.
For New-Brunswick, 7:20 and 8 A. M., 12 M., 2, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 6:10, 7, P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 6:10 P. M.
For East Millstone, 12 noon, 3:10 and 4:30 P. M.
For Lambertville and Flemington, 9:30 A. M. and 4 P. M.
For Phillipsburg and Belvidere, 9:30 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.
Accommodation for Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7:20 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 3:10, 4, and 7 P. M.
For Freehold, 7:20 A. M. and 2 P. M.
For Farmingdale and Squan, 7:20 A. M. and 2 P. M.
For Pemberton and Camden, 6 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.
Trains arrive as follows: From Pittsburg, 2:50 A. M., 12:35 and 7:35 P. M., daily; 11:55 A. M. daily, except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 6:05 A. M., 4:15, 5:15 and 10:27 P. M. Sunday 6:05 A. M. and 10:27 P. M. From Philadelphia, 5:10, 6:20, 6:50, 10:15, 11:55 A. M., 2:15, 5:15, 6:05, 8:44, 10:27 P. M. Sunday 5:10, 6:20, 6:50, 11:55 A. M. and 10:27 P. M. Ticket-offices, Nos. 526, 435, 271, and 944 Broadway, No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts. Emigrant Ticket-office, No. 8 Battery place.
A. J. CASSATT, General Manager. D. M. BOYD, Jr., General Passenger Agent.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY, ALLENTOWN LINE TO THE WEST.

Passenger and Freight Station in New-York, foot of Liberty st. Connects at Somerville with South Branch R. R. at Hampton Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad; at Phillipsburg with Lehigh and Susquehanna Division; also with Lehigh Valley Railroad. Direct line to Harrisburg, Pittsburg, and the West; also to Central Pennsylvania and New-York State.
SPRING ARRANGEMENT.
Commencing May 4, 1874.—Leave New-York as follows:
5:15 A. M.—News Train for Easton, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c.
8 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.
7 A. M.—Way Train for Easton, Belvidere, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Mahanoy City, Mt. Carmel, Hazleton, Tunkhannock, Towanda, Waverly, &c. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.
9 A. M.—Morning Express, daily, (except Sundays,) for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Somerville for Flemington; at Easton for Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c., with through cars to Danville, Williamsport, &c.
10:30 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville.
12:40 P. M.—Express for Flemington, Easton, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.
2:30 P. M.—Way Train for Easton, Catassauqua, and Belvidere.
3:30 P. M.—Way Train for Plainfield. On Saturdays only to Somerville.
4 P. M.—Way Train for Easton, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Del., Lack. & West. R. R.
4:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.
5 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.
5:15 P. M.—Way Train for Easton.
5:30 P. M.—Evening Express, daily, for Easton, Belvidere, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Chicago, &c.
6 and 7 P. M.—Way Trains for Somerville.
7:30 P. M.—(Emigrant.)—Way Train for Easton.
9:15 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.
11:30 P. M.—For Plainfield.
For Rlisabeth at 5:15, 6, 6:10, 6:40, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:45, 9, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15 A. M., 12 M.; 12:40, 1:30, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 3:45, 4, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30, 11:30, 12 P. M.
Sunday 8:30, 6:30, 8:15, and 9:10 P. M.
H. P. BALDWIN, General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—After Nov. 2, 1873, through trains will leave Grand Central Depot:

8:30 A. M., Chicago and Northern Express, with drawing-room cars through to Rochester and St Albans.
10:30 A. M., special Chicago Express, with drawing-room cars to Rochester, Buffalo, &c.
10:45 A. M., Northern and Western Express.
3:40 P. M., Albany and Troy Express, Saturday only.
4:00 P. M., Montreal Express, with sleeping cars from New-York to St. Albans.
6:00 P. M., Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Watertown and Canandaigua.
8:00 P. M., Pacific Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Rochester, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls; also for Chicago, via both L. S. and M. C. Railroads.
11:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars for Troy and Albany. Way trains as per Local Time Table.
C. H. KENDRICK, General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK, NEW-HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD.

After May 18, 1874, trains leave Grand Central Depot (42d st.) for New-Haven, Hartford, and Springfield, at 4:38, and 5:40 P. M.; Danbury and Norwalk Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 3:15 and 4:38 P. M.; Naugatuck Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 1 and 3 P. M.; Housatonic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M.; Shore Line and Northampton Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M.; New-Haven, Middletown and Willimantic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M. Boston and Albany Railroad at 8:05 and 10 A. M., 3 and 8:10 P. M. (7 P. M. on Sunday.) Boston (via Shore Line) at 1 and 9:10 P. M. (9:10 P. M. on Sundays.)
Way trains as per local time tables.
J. T. MOODY, Superintendent New-York Division.
E. M. REED, General Superintendent. New-Haven.

SOUTH-SIDE RAILROAD.

NOTICE.
On and after March 2, 1874, trains will leave South 8th st., Brooklyn, as follows: Sundays excepted:
For Patchogue, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M. and 4 P. M.
For Islip, as intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 4 and 6 P. M.
For Babylon, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 1:30, 4, 5, and 6 P. M.
For Hempstead, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 1:30, 5, 6, and 7 P. M.
For Hempstead, Rockaway, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 4, 5, and 6 P. M.
Sunday trains leave Brooklyn for Islip at 9 A. M.
GEO. F. CARMAN, Superintendent.

STEAMBOATS.

NARRAGANSETT STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.

FALL RIVER LINE

FOR BOSTON, via NEWPORT and FALL RIVER.
Daily, (Sundays, June 14 to Sept. 13, inclusive,) at 5 P. M.,
From Pier No. 28 North River, foot Murray st.,
The world-renowned steamers
BRISTOL and PROVIDENCE.
Capt. A. G. SIMMONS. Capt. B. M. SIMMONS.
The most direct route to Taunton, Middleboro, Plymouth, New-Bedford, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Cape Cod, the WHITE MOUNTAINS, and all principal points in New-England and the Provinces. For tickets and state-rooms apply at No. 241 Broadway; Broadway, corner 23d st.; Dodd's Express offices, No. 944 Broadway and No. 10 Court st., Brooklyn, or at the office on the pier, and at all principal ticket-offices in the City. HALL'S BAND engaged for the season.
A. P. BACON, Superintendent.
GEO. L. CONNOR, General Passenger Agent.

SUNDAY MORNING BOAT

FOR KEYPORT.
On and after May 24, the favorite steam-boat
KELLY WHITE,
Capt. JACOB B. DAVIS,
will commence her regular trips, leaving foot of Barclay st., North River, at 9:15 A. M., stopping at all intermediate points. Returning, leaves Keyport at 4 P. M.
Fare, 50 cents.

STEAMER HELEN.

For Red Bank and intermediate stations. Pier No. 35 North River, foot of Franklin st.

LEAVE NEW-YORK.	LEAVE RED BANK.
Monday, May 11..3:00 P. M.	Monday, May 11..6:00 A. M.
Tuesday, 12th...3:00 P. M.	Tuesday, 12th...6:30 A. M.
Wednesday, 13th..3:00 P. M.	Wednesday, 13th..6:30 A. M.
Thursday, 14th..3:00 P. M.	Thursday, 14th..7:00 A. M.
Friday, 15th.....3:00 P. M.	Friday, 15th.....7:00 A. M.
Saturday, 16th..3:00 P. M.	Saturday, 16th..7:00 A. M.

RONDOUT AND KINGSTON, LANDING AT R. Cozzens', Cornwall, Newburg, Marlborough, Milton, Poughkeepsie, and Esopus.—The steam-boats THOMAS CORNELL and JAMES W. BALDWIN leave Harrison st., Pier No. 34 North River, daily, at 4 o'clock P. M.

CITIZENS' LINE FOR TROY—LOW FARE.—Elegant steam-boats daily, Saturdays excepted, at 6 P. M. From Pier No. 49 North River, foot Leroy st., connecting with railroads for all points north and west. JOSEPH CORNELL, Superintendent.

FOR BRIDGEPORT AND ALL POINTS ON Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroad.—Fare, $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 11:30 A. M.

PEOPLE'S LINE FOR ALBANY.—THE SPLENdid steamers DREW and ST. JOHN leave Pier No. 41, foot Canal st., daily, (Sundays excepted,) at 6 P. M.

NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, AND THE NORTH.—Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., (except Sundays,) connecting with road.

FOR SALE—TUG W. H. CHENEY, CYLINDER 20 by 22. For particulars apply to HEISSENBUTTEL & WELLS, No. 111 Broadway, Room No. 72.

EXCURSIONS.

DAILY EXCURSIONS TO SEA CLIFF and Glen Cove, landing at Whitestone, City Island and Mott's Dock. The steamer GENERAL SEDGWICK will leave Peck slip daily (Sundays excepted) at 8:30 A. M.; 33d st., 8:45. Returning, leave Sea Cliff at 4 P. M. Freight received during the day at Peck slip. Large discounts to Sabbath-schools and church parties. Apply to S. P. KITTLE, No. 210 Canal st., New-York, or J. E. CORNELL, No. 44 Court st., Brooklyn.

FOR EXCURSIONS.—THE FIRST-CLASS STEAMers WM. COCK, ARROWSMITH, and NORWALK; barges SANDS, HASKETT, MYERS, MORTON, and others; Dudley's, Spring Hill, and Myers' Groves, Iona Island and Alderney Park. Office corner Morton and West sts. No outside office nor agents.
J. & E. MYERS.

THE STEAMER BRIDGEPORT, CHARTERED for excursions. Apply Bridgport Steam-boat Company at Pier No. 35 East River.

NOTICE.

Wm. McLean, No. 51 Lexington av., has been discharged from my employ, having proved himself not trustworthy. We hereby notify the public not to pay any accounts or otherwise transact any business with him.
JOHN C. BAIRD.

SUMMER RESORTS.

LONG BRANCH.

WEST END HOTEL.
This hotel will open on the 18th of June. Rooms can be engaged at the office of D. M. Hildreth, No. 52 Broadway, New-York; G. G. Presbury, No. 39 Franklin st., Baltimore, or by letter addressed West End Hotel, Long Branch.
Prices for the season will depend upon location and rooms occupied.
Twenty per cent. reduction for the months of June and September.
PRESBURY & HILDRETH,
Proprietors.

THE NEW SUMMER RESORT,

WOODSBURGH PAVILION,

WOODSBURGH, ROCKAWAY,
LONG ISLAND.
This entirely new, beautiful, and commodious hotel, situated at Woodsburgh, two and a half miles from Rockaway, South Side, Long Island, sixteen miles from New-York, having been greatly enlarged and magnificently equipped, is now one of the finest and most complete hotels in the State, and as a family resort cannot be equaled for its accommodations, will be opened June 1.
Those desiring a delightfully cool and pleasant Summer home will find in this house superior attractions, having a view of the ocean for twenty miles, being entirely new and replete with all modern conveniences found in any city hotel, such as gas, water in every room, hot and cold water baths, and steam heat throughout.
Surf and still-water bathing within a few moments' walk. Fine drives, with carriages for guests, fishing and boating on the bay. Location and climate unsurpassed for healthfulness and beauty. Every attention will be paid to the comfort of guests. The house will be kept in strictly first-class style. Liberal terms will be offered to those wishing to engage rooms for the season.
Fine stables for private teams attached to the hotel.
The house is accessible by the South-side Railroad of Long Island, also Long Island Rail

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

WHY WESTON FAILED.

THE PEDESTRIAN'S CONDITION TO-DAY—HE IS READY FOR A MATCH NEXT WEEK.

Although the task which Weston set himself to accomplish lacked a good many miles of completion at 12 o'clock on Saturday night, yet, in many respects, the enterprise was successful, especially in a financial way. It has been Weston's ambition for some time to accomplish 500 miles in six days, in twenty-four hours of which he should walk 115 miles. About a year ago he had nearly completed his arrangements to make the trial, but the necessary support was not obtained and a trip to Europe or to California was thought of. When, however, there seemed to be a probability that he would make this trial in some other city he was guaranteed the needed support. He went into training, not according to pugilistic rules, but merely kept regular hours, ate nutritious food, avoided all spirituous and malt liquors, gave up the use of tobacco, and walked a stated number of miles every day.

After the first 115 miles, Weston was put to bed without any attention being given to the state of his feet. It is to this that he attributes his failure. For he said that after he arose the next morning his feet and legs felt numb and in poor condition, and the blood did not seem to circulate freely again during the entire walk. He still felt sure that he should accomplish the 500 miles within the allotted time, and imparted his feelings to his friends. Many of them backed their opinions with their money, and suffered heavy losses in consequence. Weston had calculated to accomplish eighty-five miles before midnight on Tuesday. Had he done this, there would have been only 300 miles to walk in the four days succeeding, but he only made fifty-five miles.

On Wednesday, during an intermission, some spirit was poured into his shoes to stimulate the sluggish circulation of the blood in his feet. This softened the inner sole of his shoe, and while he walked it worked itself into a roll under the middle of his foot. After a time he began to feel much pain. He stopped, and taking off his shoe, it was found that the thick skin upon the sole of his foot had become lapped over, making a bad blister. When he started again he limped badly, and he did not take a step afterward until the end that was not a painful one. On Thursday, liniments were applied, and his feet soaked in salt water, but every step was like treading upon coals of fire. On Friday he was stiff and foot-sore at the start, but afterward his spirits rose, and he made very fair time. At midnight he had accomplished only 365 miles, and it was beyond human possibility to complete 135 miles in the remaining twenty-four hours. Yesterday afternoon Weston felt very well, with the exception of his foot, which was very sore. He slept soundly and arose soon after noon. His receipts for the week exceed $8,000, which will leave him after his expenses are paid a net gain of $5,000. Mr. Weston, with Sergt. Whitcomb, drove out to McComb's Dam Bridge yesterday, where he lives with his wife and three children. He has lost but little flesh, and his spirit seems to have improved. He told Sergt. Whitcomb and Capt. Gunner that he would deposit $5,000 if James Gordon Bennett would do the same, and contend for the whole amount in two weeks, on the same conditions as the last race.

Throughout the entire week Dr. Doremus, and other medical gentlemen, have made physiological observations upon the changes that have been made during Weston's trial. They expect to deduce some important facts that are to be made public after they are completed.

TWO PROBABLY FATAL AFFRAYS.

A quarrel occurred yesterday afternoon, in a tenement-house in West Thirty-eighth street, near Eleventh avenue, between William Gillanders, aged thirty-eight, and Matthew McCabe, aged fifty-two, both of whom reside there, during which Gillanders was struck on the head with a hatchet by McCabe, and, it is feared, fatally injured. McCabe called on Gillanders yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of collecting some rent which he claims was due him. Gillanders denied the debt, and a quarrel occurred, followed by a fight. During the scuffle McCabe picked up a hatchet, and struck Gillanders on the head with it, felling him senseless to the floor. He was taken to the West Thirty-seventh Street Police Station, where he was examined by Dr. Wade, who found that he had received a compound fracture of the skull, which he believed, would result in his death. An ambulance was summoned, and the wounded man was removed to Bellevue Hospital. At a late hour last night he was in a very precarious condition. McCabe was arrested shortly after the occurrence, and in his possession was found the hatchet, with the handle broken. He was locked up at the West Thirty-seventh Street Police Station, and will be taken to court to-day.

At 6 o'clock last evening Hugh Braisted, aged fifty, of No. 461 Tenth avenue, was stabbed under the left ear and in the head by Charles Humphreys, who lives in Tenth avenue, between Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets, during a quarrel at the residence of the former. Both the men had been drinking together during the afternoon, and were considerably intoxicated. The quarrel grew about some trivial matter, and Humphreys picked up a pitcher and smashed it on Braisted's head. Not content with this, he followed up the assault by stabbing him under the left ear and about the head. His injuries are of a fatal nature. Humphreys was arrested and Braisted was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

A WOMAN ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN BEATEN TO DEATH.

Last evening one of the residents of the tenement-house No. 519 West Thirty-eighth street called at the West Thirty-seventh Street Police Station, and informed Capt. McDonnell that Catharine Monahan, an Irish woman, thirty-five years of age, was lying dead in the house, and it was supposed that her death was caused by violence received at the hands of her husband, James Monahan. Capt. McDonnell immediately proceeded to investigate the affair, and found that the woman had died at 11 o'clock on Saturday night. On entering the apartments of the Monahans, the woman was found lying dead on the bed, and her husband was also in the room. An examination of the body of the deceased revealed a large number of bruises and contusions, and it was evident that she had been terribly beaten. It was also ascertained from Dr. Warren, of No. 337 West Thirty-eighth street, that Monahan had applied to him for a certificate of death, stating that his wife had fallen down stairs and received injuries which resulted in death. The doctor, however, refused to give a certificate. Mrs. Mary E. Strauss, who also resides in the same house, informed the Police that Monahan and his wife were almost constantly in the habit of quarreling and fighting. They were both of intemperate habits, and on Friday evening they quarreled, and a fight of more than usual violence ensued, which was kept up nearly all night, the cries and shrieks of Mrs. Monahan arousing the whole neighborhood. They had been married only eleven months, and had been living in this tenement near y all that time. On learning these facts, Capt. McDonnell arrested Monahan and he is now locked up at the West Thirty-seventh Street Police Station to await the result of the inquest which will be held by Coroner Eickhoff to-day. He is a laborer, thirty-five years of age, and claims that the death of his wife was accidental, she having fallen down stairs on Saturday evening while intoxicated. Mrs. Strauss, who appeared to know a great deal about the affair, was detained as a witness.

DEEDS OF VIOLENCE.

At a late hour on Saturday night, Morris Hall, a German cook, and Lizzie Turner, a kitchen girl, employed in Allen's restaurant, at 748 Sixth Avenue, quarreled about some trivial matter, and Morris stabbed Lizzie in the right arm with a carving knife, inflicting a severe wound. Morris was arrested by Patrolman Campbell, of the Nineteenth Precinct, and was held to bail for trial.

Patrolman Daniel Singleton, of the Eighteenth Precinct, at a late hour on Saturday night, attempted to arrest John Brennan, whom he found at the corner of Seventieth street and Avenue A, abusing his wife. Brennan resisted the officer, and struck him on the forehead with his clenched fist. In return, the patrolman struck him on the head with his baton, cutting him over the right eye. Brennan was then arrested and locked up.

John Cappinger, of No. 340 East Twenty-sixth street, in a quarrel with his wife Mary, at their residence, struck her in the mouth with his fist, splitting her upper lip and knocking out three of her teeth. John was arrested.

Mary Docherty, of No. 411 East Twenty-second street, was struck on the head with a hatchet, by her husband, Peter, during a family quarrel, early yesterday morning, and was severely injured. Peter was locked up.

A DISHONEST CAR CONDUCTOR.

On Saturday evening Vernon J. Bell was arrested by Detective Butts on a warrant issued by Justice Walsh, of Brooklyn, on complaint of Mr. William Richardson, the President of the Atlantic Avenue Railroad Company. Bell, who was formerly in the employment of the latter company, is accused of having stolen thirty patent punches, and a small safe containing money, the whole amounting to some $450, the property of the above-mentioned company. He was, at the time of his arrest, in the employ of the Broadway Railroad Company, as conductor, and had two punches in his possession, one of them given him by the line that employed him, and the other, one of those stolen from the Atlantic Avenue Company. It is supposed that by means of this second punch he has been able to defraud the line he worked for out of considerable money. His mode of operation was to have a false card with him, so that whenever he wanted to pocket a fare all he had to do was to punch it with the stolen punch, and the formality was sufficient to satisfy the most astute of "spotters." However, he was detected at last, and will, if he escapes being punished for the burglary, stand a good chance of prosecution by the Broadway (New-York) Company for embezzlement.

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR.

The Church of Our Savior, erected by the Sixth Universalist Society, in Fifty-seventh street, near Eighth avenue, was dedicated last evening. The building was erected at a cost, including the site, of $145,000. It is a handsome building of the Romanesque style of architecture, of Philadelphia pressed brick, trimmed with Belleville stone. The internal structure is on the improved and economical a plan that there is ample accommodation for a congregation of 1,600 persons, on a lot measuring 75 by 100 feet. The audience-room is constructed in the amphitheatre form, the seats rising gradually in every direction from the speaker. By the construction of the lobbies, the space least advantageous for sitting is used for the exit and entrance of the audience. The stand for the minister is a simple platform, slightly raised, and is occupied by only a light reading-desk and chairs. It is carried as far out as possible toward the centre of the audience room, so as to bring every listener within easy reach of the speaker's voice. In the front of the edifice, over the vestibule, the Sunday-school rooms and the church parlors are situated, in the second and third stories respectively. Rev. J. M. Pullman is the Pastor of the new church.

The building was crowded on the occasion of the dedicatory services last evening. Very profuse and handsome floral decorations were displayed in the neighborhood of the minister's stand. The musical services were remarkably satisfactory, the organ being supplemented by an efficient orchestra. There was also excellent choral singing. Services were commenced by an overture on the organ, followed by the "Gloria" from Mozart's Twelfth Mass. After an invocation by the Pastor, the hymn "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him," was sung by the choir. Rev. E. H. Chapin, D. D., preached the sermon, taking his text from the Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians, iv., 6: "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." The words of his text, the preacher said, constituted a grand confession of faith—the creed of the Church universal. It was a creed satisfactory to the intellect, to the heart, and to the soul; not a part of any special system, but the creed for humanity and for all time. No broader and better would ever be revealed. It was the ultimate doctrine of Christianity. There were two sources of revelation—one found in the works, and the other in the Word of God—and it was the realization of both. We had reached, the preacher said, an era of unfettered thought and of bold utterance. The fate of Galileo had no terror for scientists, such a nickname as heretic was but lightly regarded; geology told its story, the question of the diversity of races was probed in free discussions, but yet, with all the excessive claims which physical science put forward, the intelligence of man went back behind all to that grand conception of unity—"One God, and Father of all, above all, through all, and in you all." All things went toward the same confession; it was the grand and comprehensive creed of humanity. Man wanted a religion, something that would satisfy him when material speculation failed him. He wanted a creed for the intellect, for the heart and for the soul, authenticated by the works and by the word of God. That creed was to be found in the words of the text, but it was a creed which should be received, not merely in its harmony, but in its spirit as well as its power. At the conclusion of the sermon the hymn "How Pleased and Blest was I" was sung by the choir, and then the report of the Building Committee was read, which showed that a debt of $50,000 incurred in the erection of the building remained as yet to be liquidated. The Pastor, in an address to the congregation, urged the desirability of removing $25,000 of the burden before the dedication was proceeded with, and asked that somebody would head the list with $2,500. Mr. Nathaniel Smith responded, but subsequent appeals for similar amounts were unanswered. Some gentlemen, however, put down their names for $1,000 each. The dedicatory services were afterward proceeded with, and did not terminate till a late hour.

Rev. E. G. Brooks, D. D., of Philadelphia, will preach in this church to-morrow evening, and the anniversary exercises of the Universalist Sunday-schools of New-York will be held there on Wednesday.

REOPENING OF THE WESLEY M. E. CHAPEL.

The reopening and reunion services of the Wesley M. E. Chapel, formerly located in Rivington street, were held last night in the new rooms, corner Stanton and Cannon, leased for the use of the chapel. The new rooms consist of the second floor of a large factory situated at the junction of the two streets, and have been neatly and commodiously fitted up. The services continued throughout the day, the sermon in the morning being preached by Rev. J. W. Reid, D. D., upon the text of St. John xiv., "For if I go not away, the comforter will not come unto you, but if I depart, I will send Him unto you." In the afternoon, Sabbath-school exercises were held in the church, consisting of singing by the school and brief addresses, and the preaching was delivered suitable to the occasion by Mr. John B. Cornell, President of the New-York Church Extension and Mission Society, who presided over the services. An address was also delivered by Rev. John Parker and other clergymen and laymen. In the evening there was a prayer-meeting and a sermon by Rev. R. Meredith, with congregational singing.

THE ALLEN STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The installation of the Pastor elect of the Allen Street Presbyterian Church, Rev. Geo. P. Phelps, into his charge, took place last night at the church, corner Allen and Grand streets. Rev. D. Mitchell Moderator of the Presbytery, presided, and, having opened the meeting with prayer, preached the sermon on the text, Acts, xx., 35: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The Pastor from this Scripture text drew a lesson of love and charity, and pointed out the importance of a Christian spirit in the giver, that the gift might be pleasing in the sight of God. The installation of the future Pastor of the church then followed, with the customary ceremonies, Rev. Henry M. Fields giving the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. H. B. Chapin the charge to the people of the church. The services were then concluded with the singing of a hymn by the congregation and prayer by the Pastor.

SUFFOLK COUNTY, LONG ISLAND, OYER AND TERMINER.

The adjourned term of the Suffolk County, Long Island, Court of Oyer and Terminer, Justice Tappen presiding, will convene at Riverhead to-day, and will probably remain in session for several days. The petit jurors drawn for the regular term, as well as an extra panel of 100, will have to be in attendance. It is probable that the first trial called will be that of August Kellerman, for the murder of Andrew Muller, at Breslau; and that this will be followed by that of Dr. George B. Banks and Royal Sammis, for riot and assault and battery in the Kelsey case. There is no probability that the trial of the Sammises for complicity in Kelsey's "taking off" will come on at this term, as the question of venue is not yet definitely decided.

YORKVILLE POLICE COURT.

Maurice Hall, of No. 68 West Forty-third street, was committed for trial on complaint of Lizzie Turner, of No. 748 Sixth avenue, whom he stabbed in the arm, causing an ugly but not dangerous wound....On Saturday night Capt. Allaire, of the Twenty-first Precinct, made a raid on two disorderly houses on Lexington avenue, near Twenty-eighth street, and arrested the proprietresses, Mrs. Scobie and Mrs. Ackley, and sixteen others, men and women found in both places. Yesterday, at the Yorkville Police Court, Justice Sherwood committed the two women named for trial and fined the others.....Gustavus Hite, of No. 427 East Sixteenth street, inflicted such severe injuries on Charles Hutt, of the same house, during a fight on Saturday night that the latter is unable to leave his bed. At the above court yesterday Hite was held to await the result of the injuries.

BROOKLYN BOY BURGLARS.

Henry Worth, aged nine, and Matthew Ferron, aged eleven, residing with their parents in Woodhull street, were arrested on Saturday night, charged with burglariously entering the store of Mrs. Ann Flannigan, No. 61 Rapelyea street, during her absence. She accuses them of stealing $7 in United States currency from her money-drawer. This is the third time her store has been entered and robbed of small amounts in the same manner. The boys confessed that they were guilty, and their parents desired to compromise with Mrs. Flannigan, but they were detained to appear at court.

AN EX-BRIGADIER GENERAL ARRESTED FOR ABANDONMENT.

Augustus Funk, late a Brigadier General in the National Guard of the State, was yesterday arraigned before Justice Otterbourg, at the Harlem Police Court, on a charge of abandonment preferred by his wife. The defendant demanded an examination, which will be accorded him on Tuesday next, his counsel, Ex-Judge Curtis, becoming surety for his appearance.

AN INGENIOUS SWINDLER ARRESTED.

Wm. H. Thompson, aged thirty-one, who claims to reside at the corner of Canal and West streets, was arrested on Saturday last by Patrolman O'Ryan, of the Eighteenth Precinct, on suspicion of having swindled a number of persons in an ingenious manner. He used to watch for the advertisements of persons who had lost or been robbed of property, and then induce the advertisers, by claiming to be able to secure the return of the property, to advance him money to effect that object. In this way it is alleged that he obtained $23 from W. H. Verplanck, of No. 145 East One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, and $35 from Richard Hecksher, Jr., of No. 14 Irving place. Mrs. Georgianna Salter, of No. 60 Irving place, lost a valuable pair of diamond earrings, and offered a reward of $300 for their return. On Saturday Mrs. Salter received a note from Thompson offering to return the ear-rings. Learning that Thompson was near by waiting for a reply, Mrs. Salter sent to the East Twenty-second Precinct Police Station, and procuring the services of Officer O'Ryan caused Thompson's arrest. He will be taken to court to-day.

A DELIGHTFUL MAY DAY.

Even in this region, no noted for its sudden and sharp changes of temperature, there are seasons, brief though they may be, when the charms of the weather are such as to merit the most unreserved commendation. Among us who are used to harsh airs and trying variations of the thermometer, it is but natural that such occasions should discover admiring multitudes, so welcome are the balmy airs and genial sunshine of early Summer where they come to us woongly. So did they visit Gotham yesterday. The breezes were active and were not unwelcome, though the sun's heat was not oppressive at any time during the entire day. The recent rains had laid the dust upon the roadways, and added freshness and a deeper green to the sprouting grass that carpeted the park lawns. The leafing trees that so recently proclaimed a lingering Winter's unwelcome presence in the advanced Springtime, seemed bent upon overtaking the season, and keeping up with the hurried advent of Summer. Thousands of persons of both sexes, and all ages and conditions of life, filled the avenues leading to our City's breathing-places. As the day was not too warm to indulge in long rambles pedestrianism received a fresh impetus. Old Probabilities was universally applauded for his efforts. He seemed to have made no mistake on the preceeding Sunday, and people who raved and sweltered then, wondering how such mistakes of weather could take place under the auspices of the United States Bureau, were delighted yesterday to have an opportunity of praising the efforts of that useful department. No more enjoyable day in the Central Park could well be conceived. And if one may judge by the light smiles, or evidences of peaceful contentment and satisfaction that left their cheery traces upon the features of those assembled there on day was more thoroughly enjoyed in a great while. The Mall was crowded. The lake-side and the ramble swarmed with people. Sunshine and shade alike had their attractions, and their admiring crowds. The boats on the lake had mourned their long inaction, and were well laden; and in fact every nook and corner held its little knot of pleasure-seekers. Those who did not go to the Park may be said to have lost a treat. Indeed, it would be difficult to to enjoy the privilege on a more delightful day.

MR. DISRAELI ON ART AND GOVERNMENT.

On May 2 the President and Council of the Royal Academy gave their anniversary banquet at Burlington House, London. Mr. Francis Grant presided, and proposed, in due course, the health of her Majesty's Ministers, coupled with that of Mr. Disraeli.

Mr. Disraeli, on rising to respond to this toast, was received with loud and prolonged cheering. He said: Mr. President, I beg leave to thank you on the part of my colleagues and myself for the great honor you have done us in drinking the health of her Majesty's Ministers. Why, in an academy of art, the health of her Majesty's Ministers should be drunk might be a subject of curious inquiry, but the part of my colleagues and myself I beg, however, to say that we are not prepared to accept this distinction on the score of empty courtesy, but we rather interpret it as a declaration on the part of the Royal Academy, by yourself, Sir, that it is your conviction that an encouragement of the arts is the duty of the Government of this country. We accept the distinction in this light. It is our opinion that the cultivation of the arts is an essential element of civilization, and that refined feeling and even nobility of conduct may be assisted and developed by a cultured perception of the appropriate and the beautiful. Sir, I know it is now a common saying that in the great dimensions which European society has assumed the influence of a Government on the cultivation of the arts is insignificant and must be without effect. In bygone days, when the boundaries and the population of communities were limited, the invention of human genius in the fine arts were more striking because they were concentrated; but in nations of many millions, and in a capital city which in its population exceeds that of ancient Rome or the Babylon of Herodotus, it is difficult to find those scenes of symmetry and effulgence which charmed mankind in the fanes and portico of Athens, and in the galleries and arcades of the Medici. Pericles himself, in a morning's walk in this great metropolis, beginning with South Kensington and ending with Wapping, would almost despair of impressing on this colossal capital any consistent aspect of symmetry and beauty. Nevertheless, Sir, I cannot but believe that, by different means and by different appliances to those that were pursued in former days, the influence of Governments upon society in respect to the formation of public taste is by no means slight; and I think if we look over the last forty or fifty years of our experience in this country we must recognize that there has been a gradual but a perceptible evidence of that formation of taste in the people of this country. The institution of schools of design—the organized circulation of masterpieces of art—all their varieties diffusing out the Provinces—have, no doubt, had a very considerable effect—an effect, indeed, which I think may be traced in the supremacy of our manufactures, which has been greatly maintained by the improvement and the purity of taste and design in this country. Nor have I ever for a moment believed that there was not a real and a strong sympathy with art in the people of this country. I think we had evidence of that when an honorable gentleman, who probably is one of your guests this evening, only two years ago proposed a museum of art in the wilds of Bethnal green which fascinated toiling millions. There is also, I might perhaps add, another reason why my colleagues and myself on this occasion accept the great compliment which you have paid us merely as an act of graceful but conventional courtesy. In a certain sense we may, perhaps, urge our claim also as artists. In the creation and the conduct of Governments these great principles of design which have covered these walls with so many brilliant creations may be usefully employed. Where is there a Government unity of design, unity of purpose in their policy, a firm and flowing outline in their measures; there must be a due proportion of parts in administration; and skillful management of light and shade in debates. I have often thought that the different Governments of this country might be likened to the various schools of art. Some have charmed us with the glowing canvas of the Roman school or the severer attributes of the Tuscan. The School of Bologna, founded on the eclectic principle of combining selection from the several great masters quarters of the qualities which were admired—may, I think, be considered the origin of coalition Governments. All that we claim for ourselves is that we are of the British school. Mr. President, I often think that in attending on your annual festivals there is one quality which is peculiar to these assemblages. Every year, in a certain sense, they become more interesting, because every year strengthens that traditionary spell which invests with its enchanting influence the fortunes of this society. More than a century has now elapsed since, not certainly in this chamber, but under the wing of your great academy, the choicest spirits of the land, the men most illustrious for station, for genius, and for learning, have assembled, as it were, at some heroic revival of old times to express their admiration for the arts which refine and elevate existence. Generation after generation has handed to each other the sacred torch of sympathy with your fortunes and with your pursuits—and have they been disappointed? They have seen arise in this country gradually a school, vigorous, original, and complete, whose capital performances even in Continental markets, command a higher value than the productions of any other school, and have broken up forever that monopoly of the arts of design which was once considered the privilege of the Southern races. Long, Mr. President, may this institution over which you are now presiding—long may it flourish in fame and independence, and long may you and your successors from that chair intimate to the Ministers of the British Crown that encouragement to the fine arts is a political duty, as well as a national delight.

TRIAL OF SOCIALISTS.

The Tribunal of Correctional Police at Lyons has just been engaged for about a week in trying twenty-nine men on charges of affiliation with the International, propagating the doctrines of that association, forming a secret society, and illegally possessing arms. The Government abandoned the count of conspiracy which had at first been included in the indictment. The accused had constituted a league, having its centre at Lyons, and ramifications in all the manufacturing districts around, and of which the object was to propagate Socialist and Revolutionary doctrines among the workmen by pamphlets circulated from hand to hand. For that purpose a clandestine journal was published at Lyons, and, in order to deceive the Police, should any number fall into their hands, it bore the mention that it was printed at Brussels. Master, capital, and the *bourgeios* were as usual the special objects of hatred, and the most atrocious incitements were written against them. "Massacres," says one pamphlet entitled the *Liquidation Sociale*, "should be the sole thought of the worker, whose interest is to get completely rid of those who live by a traffic in other men's labor. The means of recognizing the enemy are very simple; only look at his hands. Assassination is an indispensable instrument with which the commencement must be made. It is expressly forbidden to waste time in judging the guilty parties." The Tribunal gave its verdict on Saturday, condemning two of the accused to five years' imprisonment, three to three years, four to two years, and eighteen to one year or less; the two others were acquitted.

SODA-WATER AND ITS PROFIT.

The Cincinnati *Gazette* says: "A few of the druggists of this city are endeavoring to restore the war price of ten cents a glass for soda-water. Their example has not been generally followed, however, and the public is not likely to yield to the demand. The high cost of ice is the excuse for the doubling of rates. This may diminish profits somewhat, but not enough to justify an advance of 100 per cent. in price. The profit on 'soda' water, which, as now made, contains no soda, was always very large. It is said that the firm of F. E. Snire & Co. paid their heavy rent at the corner of Fourth and Vine streets out of their soda fountain. Carbonated water is not costly, while no real fruit syrups are now used. They are manufactured from various others, the basis of some of which is not specially appetizing. Were ice even higher than it is, a soda-fountain with a good run of custom would yield a good profit at five cents a glass, and if it could not, there is no reason for charging ten cents where six or seven would give as good returns as five cents in the days of cheap ice."

PASIGRAPHY.

Under the above head, the London *Standard* of April 25 has the article following:

"The visit to London of Dr. Anton Bachmaier, Secretary of the Munich Anthropological Society and President of the Central Pasigraphical Union, suggests the seasonableness of noticing the idea, represented by that eminent *savant* and philanthropist, of one written language for the world. For several years past that idea has been slowly but surely taking root abroad. Not only in the Professor's native Bavaria, and in all parts of Germany, including Austria's and Russia's Teutonic provinces, but in Hungary also and Slavonic Russia, as well as in Italy and France, the ramifications of its propaganda are to be found. It is propounded from university chairs, and discussed by literary men on the banks of the Arno, the Danube, and the Nile, and is not unknown to the traders who drop in at the consulates of the great powers from Teheran to Rio de Janeiro. Members of the union hall from Montreal and San Francisco. In St. Petersburg it has enrolled Alexander von der Howen and Perl, the inspector of all the Russian railways. Austrian journalists—*e.g.*, Bobula, of Buda-Pesth, and Deml, of Vienna—advocate the reform in their columns. In a Viennese suburb, named Sixhonsen, whose population in spite of its modest appellation numbers 100,000 souls, a very successful meeting, in furtherance of the movement, was held a week or two ago. Naturally enough, the Polyglot Empire takes a lively interest in the scheme. The newspaper report of the meeting, printed in German and Magyar cheek by jowl, speaks of the subject having been remarkably well handled by the speakers in its humorous aspects. Probably it was thinked how serviceable Pasigraphic messages might prove, not only for mercantile and scientific correspondence, but for still more pleasant and interesting purposes. How useful, for instance, might it become to tongue-tied Carls and Gretchens in carrying on the campaigns of Cupid; to naughty politicians in dodging the censorship; to ecclesiastical reformers in smuggling forbidden fruit into the Jesuit paradises of the Tyrol, and in a hundred other ways suggestive of infinite fun. Lads and lasses on the Continent are said eagerly to adopt the Pasigraphic cipher, even in writing to those whose language is the same as their own. Of course, it was not stress of linguistic helplessness on either side which led to the penning of what we are able to present to the reader as the first Pasigraphic letter ever written in England. It was addressed quite spontaneously to the other day to Dr. Bachmaier, whose immense but agreeable surprise at getting such a response to his transmission of a letter of introduction we may very well believe. Those who know where is the brain-pan of Britain will recognize the signature, when deciphered, as that of one of the Kings of Bloomsbury culture. Here are the mystic numbers, looking, it must be owned, less like those of Parnassos than of Tmolos—those truly golden numbers which, column upon column, madden the yellow brains of the holders of Peruvian bonds:

LETTER IN PASIGRAPHIC CIPHER FROM AN EMINENT OFFICIAL AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM TO DR. BACHMAIER.

" 9287, 1534, 3925, 709, 2406, 1545, 1605,
1432, 795, 1728, 553, 1153, 709, 4293, 3940,
201, 470."

The easy key to the cipher we find in the English Pasigraphical Dictionary, already published by the Messrs. Trübner, along with half a dozen other handy little lexicons, covering all the great European languages, and rendering this harmeless encyclical as follows:

DEAR SIR: When you call here I have some small books for you. Yours truly,
SAMUEL BIRCH.

One is glad to find from Dr. Bachmaier's Pasigraph rejoinder that the "small books" got safe to hand.

Our readers will not be curious to know what was or was not included in "the small books." Possibly Walton's *Polyglot*, though it does not appear from the correspondence before us. It is more to the point to remark that the second Museum Pasigraph acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of the German Dictionary adapted to the system, with the promise to recommend the new script to all within the sphere of the writer's influence.

If we have applied the term cipher to this ingenious device of employing numbers as the go-between for placing all nations in written communication with each other, it is only catachrestically. Bachmaier's script is, in fact, no cryptograph. It reminds rather of Mr. Carlyle's "open secret," since anybody who chooses to invest the cost of two or three cigars in a Pasigraphical dictionary will find in it all the satisfaction for both writing and reading. The 4,000 or 5,000 commonest words of a given language are arranged alphabetically at one end, each with its numerical equivalent. At the other end the numbers run consecutively, paired with the words answering to them. The same numbers express the same ideas in all the languages. Grammar there is scarcely any, and what there is is expressed in the simplest way by means of diacritical points or dots, and lines scored over, under, or through the numerical groups. Thus 533, which means *book* in English, *livre* in French, *buch* in German when underscored, as in Dr. Birch's letter, denotes the plural, books. A through-scored verb is in the past tense, an over-scored one, in the future, and so forth. Elegance and exactitude are sacrificed to utility. They are no more aimed at than in transmitting messages by the Atlantic or Indian cables. Hence, no doubt, mistakes are possible, and without gumption on the part of pasigraphers will scarcely be avoided. But the telegraph also sometimes makes mistakes, if not always so serious as when the honorable member for Blankshire was thunderstruck on receiving at the House the amazing message from his wife, "I flee with Mr. ——; pray for me!" Chance, if not the malice of some wicked lady clerk, had made Mrs. Nelson, the uxorious Senator's spouse say "flee" for "tea," and "pray" for "stay."

It is the feature of extreme simplicity that marks Dr. Bachmaier's system with the stamp of true inspiration. For we find that the ingenious device of denoting notions by numbers, though original, is by no means absolutely new. Nay, it is actually of English invention, and more than 200 years ago. On April 30, 1657, Cave Beck, a forgotton Ipswich worthy, published at London his very remarkable work, entitled *The Universal Character, by which all Nations in the World may Understand one another's Conceptions, reading out of One Common Writing their own Mother Tongue.* In the Genesis of this extremely rare book is found what is, perhaps, the earliest allusion to the famous cock-and-bull story. Speaking of the Egyptian hieroglyphics, the author says they are as bad pictures of the ideas as the cock beneath which the injured landlord forced the peccant sign-painter to write: "This is a bull." From the congratulatory verses, Latin as well as English, prefixed to the volume, according to the fashion of those times, it would seem that the reunion, by means of Beck's device, of the nations sundered at Babel was looked forward to by many men of culture in that seething age with the utmost enthusiasm and hope. The following lines, excerpted from the garland sent by Nathaniel Smart, M. A., contain a singularly smart allusion to the inventor's name. It is apropos of the Phrygian word *bec*, said in the story of Herodotus to have been the first uttered by the babes, as the result of the curious experiment of the Pharaoh Psammetichos for determining which was mankind's original tongue:

"A King of Egypt once to make conclusion
Which was the common tongue 'fore tongues' confusion,
Put children to a goat to nurse, then tried
What they would speak; *Beck*, they only cryed,
As if they meant to say it was but vain
To try what was; but to retrive again
One common speech should be thy work O Beck,
Say poets, did they not thy work forspeak?"

BRINGING INSURANCE COMPANIES TO BOOK.

The twentieth annual report of the Boston Board of Trade, which has just been printed, contains the following: "The general complaint among members of the board and other merchants of Boston, sufferers by the great fire of 1872, concerning the manner in which insurance companies and those representing them settled, or sought to settle, claims upon them for loss of property, led to the formation of a Committee on Insurance, of which Mr. R. S. Frost was Chairman, attentively considered the complaints made, and after protracted efforts before legislative committees, obtained the passage of an act (chap. 331, acts of 1873) known as "An act to establish a standard form of insurance policies." This form has been adopted to some extent, and it is hoped that when there shall be a more wholesome competition in underwriting than there now is, many or most offices will find it for their interest to adopt it. After a very thorough investigation, the committee concluded that it was not only useless, but would be harmful to ask the Legislature to enact a compulsory form of contract for insurance. Much attention was given to hastening the settlement of losses by the great fire; and in cases where there appeared to be intentional delay on the part of adjusters, they caused measures to be taken which materially hastened just settlements. The important question of liability of railroad corporations for merchandise destroyed by fire after discharge from cars in railway stations, received very careful attention, and the committee cooperated during the last and present sessions of the Legislature with those who have endeavored to secure an act continuing the liability of railroad corporations as common carriers for twenty-four hours after the arrival of trains; from this joint effort they yet hope to secure right action. The general conclusion was reached that many of the forms of insurance policies are of questionable intent and purpose, and the hope is expressed that when insurance shall become more easy to obtain than it now is, some arrangement may be made by this board for rating the policies in use, not according to the capital or reported standing of the company, but according to the fitness of the form of contract; whether it indicates a purpose to make fair payment of honest loss, or to take the premium and escape payment on legal quibbles."

A MONEYED RAT.

The New-Orleans *Picayune* gives this story prominence: "Some time ago, when the river was high and the gutters full of water, an enormous rat, gray with age and fat as an alderman, crawled out of the Canal street gutter and rushed into the store of Messrs. Morrison & Woodward, bearing in his mouth something that flattered about like a piece of paper. He was tired and bedraggled, and deposited his burden behind the first box and sat down to rest. One of the gentlemen present made a dash at his ratship, and away he went, leaving behind the article he had brought in his mouth, and which proved to be a five-dollar greenback. Whether the rat intended this as a contribution to the sufferers by the overflow, or was himself moving to avoid the encroaching waters, we are unable to say, but certain it is that he has not yet returned to claim the property."

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Mary Johnson, a colored woman, was held in $1,000 bail by Justice Morgan, at Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, charged with stealing $42 from Charles Young in a house No. 158 Wooster street, on Saturday night.

The Eichenkranz Vocal Society gave a musical and dramatic entertainment at the Turn Hall last night, when one of Charlotte Birchpfeiffer's plays was represented and a cantata of Mendelssohn was rendered by the vocalists of the society.

Rev. Dr. Cheney, Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church, of Chicago, attended the Sunday-school exercises of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Seventh avenue, near Fourteenth street, yesterday, and delivered an address to the children of the school.

And now two members of the New-York Skating Association propose to have a public contest. J. W. Gillmore and Allie Smith are to skate this evening, on rollers, from the Windsor to the Fifth Avenue Hotel and back again at 9 o'clock. There is no purse in dispute, however.

The dedication services of the New-York Presbyterian Church, Eleventh street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, closed last evening. Rev. Dr. Maguire, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, of Washington, delivered a sermon from the text "This man received sinners."

The scroll of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church held its semi-annual reception, at the house of Judge Fancher, Madison avenue, Saturday evening. At the conclusion of the entertainment a splendid floral tribute was presented to Judge Fancher by the Vice President, Miss C. Fuller.

The central organization of the German trades-unions has called on the German working men to attend the mass-meeting to be held at the Cooper Institute this evening in relation to alleged violations of the Eight-hour law, and to agitate the question of responsibility in regard to the Tompkins square "riot."

Under the auspices of the Wood-carvers' Union, a general meeting of working men, principally Germans, was held at the Germania Assembly-rooms yesterday, when a variety of topics touching the labor interest were discussed, including the eight-hour system and the best means to enforce its observance. There was no definite action taken by the meeting.

BROOKLYN.

At 4 o'clock yesterday morning a fire occurred in the sulphur factory Nos. 23 to 33 Ninth street, owned by Daniel H. Gray. Cause of fire unknown. Damage about $100.

John Moriarty, charged with violently assaulting and kicking Mrs. Berry about the body at her residence in Schenck street, near Flushing avenue, was arrested at her complaint on Saturday last. Mrs. Berry is Moriarty's mother-in-law.

At 8:15 P. M. on Saturday a kerosene lamp exploded in the basement of No. 246 Hamilton avenue during the temporary absence of the occupants. The fire was extinguished by two officers of the Police who were passing at the time. Damage trifling.

At 11 A. M. yesterday the body of an unknown man was found in the river at the foot of North Twelfth street. The deceased was about fifty years old, smooth face, bald on the top of the head, and five feet six inches high; dressed in a brown coat, dark-ribbed pantaloons, white shirt, and gaiter boots. Sixty-nine cents and some business cards were found in a wallet in his pocket. The body had evidently been in the water a long time. It was taken to Parker's Dead-house, and the Coroner was notified.

LONG ISLAND.

The members of the Police force of Long Island City received four months' back pay on Saturday.

Rev. R. C. Lansing has resigned the pastorship of the Universalist Church at Huntington, on account of failing health, and Rev. J. P. Booth has accepted a call to fill the vacancy.

Police Commissioner Daverin, of Long Island City, swore in fourteen special policemen on Saturday, to protect the non-society men employed at Pratt's Oil Works at Hunter's Point.

Arrangements have been made to run the steamer Brookhaven, Capt. H. G. Davis, regularly between Port Jefferson and Bridgeport, Conn., commencing to-day, making two trips daily, connecting with railroad trains at each terminus.

An incendiary fire destroyed the barn of Mr. Gilbert Verity, about a mile north of Greenport, on Saturday evening, about 9 o'clock. The contents, hay, grain, harness, &c., were also entirely consumed. Loss between $200 and $300.

Mr. John Payne, of Shelter Island, attempted to commit suicide on Saturday morning, by cutting several gashes in his thro